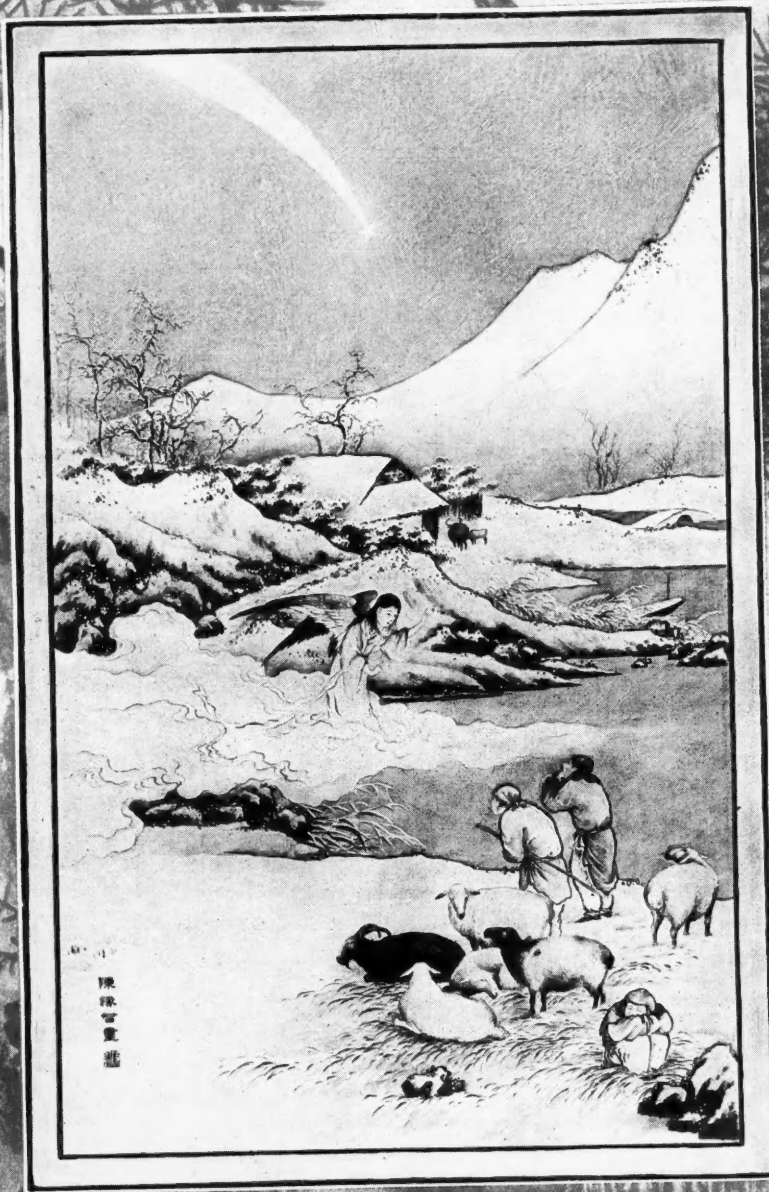


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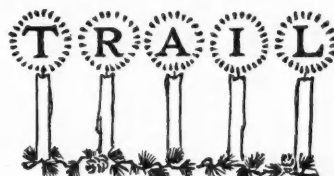
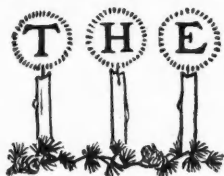
*—St. Matthew, 2, 6.*





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## FATHER GILBERT AND FATHER COMBER CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN MANCHULAND

T'ung-Hua—

(Manchurian Mission)



THE largest crowd on record came to the mission for the Feast. Nearly all of our twenty-four stations had representatives here at the center. Many of our Christians had to walk forty miles to get to T'ung-Hua, no easy undertaking in zero weather and in this mountainous region.

Our little chapel, which was filled to capacity, was gaily decorated to suit the occasion, and everyone seemed to have imbibed the spirit of the Feast. Among the distinguished guests seated in the sanctuary (since there was no room in the main chapel) were the three leading officials of the town, the Mandarin, the Chief of Police, and the Superintendent of Schools—all pagans. They each had escorts of soldiers with them, so we were well protected during the Mass.

Our guests appeared very much interested, and asked many questions regarding the Catholic Church. In the morning the Mandarin sent us a silver plaque, inscribed with Chinese characters meaning, *Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to men of good will*. The "face" of the Catholic Church went up a hundred per cent in the estimation of the Christians.

Fr. Comber was celebrant at Midnight Mass; and baptized five adults, his first administration of the Sacrament.

Shortly after Mass on Christmas morning a real, honest-to-goodness Santa Claus appeared, loaded with peanuts, candy, and oranges, which he distributed to all present, both young and old. A few Chinese records played on



A LITTLE MAID OF MONSIGNOR FORD'S KAYING MISSION IN SOUTH CHINA BRINGS A CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO THE SHAN-FOO (SPIRITUAL FATHER). HER PETS ARE NOT BABY BEARS NOR TINY PIGS, BUT WEE CHINESE PUPPIES

Fr. Comber's victrola added to the merriment of the crowd. One old lady, who was listening to Caruso's *O Solo Mio*, looked into the box and said, "It is the devil incarnate." When the Fa-

thers told her that Caruso was a Catholic, she came back, nothing daunted, with, "What a pity if he weren't."

Throughout the day and evening the Christians kept coming to the pastor to settle what little business they had with him, and to ask his blessing for a safe return trip home on the morrow. Like every Christmas, this present one seems to have been the best yet, and we are grateful to God for the abundant graces of the Feast.

## BROTHER BENEDICT BARRY WRITES OF CHRISTMAS WEATHER AT FUSHUN

Fushun—

(Manchurian Mission)

HERE in Manchuria, the land of ice and snow where at this particular time of the year the thermometer usually registers from twenty to twenty-five degrees below zero, we feel that we in every sense enjoy a real Christmas.

Early on the Eve, Frs. McCormack and P'an started hearing confessions; and, as the Christians from the distant villages arrived at different times, the Fathers were in the confessional almost constantly until Midnight Mass.

Our little chapel was packed to overflowing. Fr. P'an sang a *Missa Cantata* at midnight, followed by two low Masses. All of the congregation remained for the three Masses. The choir was made up of our own Maryknoll Sisters and the "Native Virgins". Thanks to the good training of the Sisters, the singing was all we could desire.

Later, Fr. McCormack said his three Masses, the last being at 9:30 a. m. Again the chapel was packed, and many received Holy Communion.

After the last Mass, twelve adults and three infants were baptized at Fushun; and at our catechumenate across

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#### ROUGHING IT FOR THE MASTER

Last year Fr. Francis A. Bridge, of Midland, Pa., (above), and Fr. Joseph A. Sweeney, of New Britain, Conn., journeyed hundreds of miles in below zero temperatures over a wild trail never hitherto traversed by white men to bring Christmas to Antu in the extreme northeast of the Maryknoll Manchurian Mission. On Christmas Day Mass was offered for the first time in Antu

the river fourteen adults and children were also made heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven—a total of twenty-six, a fitting gift to Our New-Born King.

Benediction, at 3 p. m., brought the

festivities to a close. Many of the Christians remained for the service, among them a large number from the distant villages, who, after a visit to the crib, started on their long, weary



#### WHERE THE SON OF THE HOUSE SERVES AS BALLAST FOR THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

This proud parent of the Maryknoll Wuchow Mission in South China is balancing on strong shoulders both the pig purchased for the Christmas banquet, and the tiny heir to his ancestral rice fields

way over ice and snow to their poor hovels—not a pleasant journey with the temperature as it has been today, between fifteen and twenty degrees below zero.

Our own celebration we need not dwell upon. It was *Maryknolly* in every respect. We were remembered by many friends, although we feel the mailman must have much more for us when he has time to come our way.

#### FATHER MEYER PREACHES CHRIST ON A MOONLIT CHRISTMAS EVE (Wuchow Mission)

##### Pingnam—

ON Christmas Eve, young and old came plodding their way through the rice fields to the mission. Some of them had journeyed barefoot for several days, lacking the means to purchase even the cheap sandal shoes they wear here. Now and then among the arrivals was a woman with a baby strapped to her back.

After evening prayers, the other Fathers attended the lantern slide lecture on doctrine that Fr. Meyer gave to the assembled Christians. He found a shaded wall to hang the screen, and to see him preaching Christ to the multitude in the moonlight was a vision that would stir sluggish pulses.

Shortly before midnight we started for the chapel. For many of the people present it was the first Christmas they had not worshiped idols, and even the "oldest" Christians among our Pingnam neophytes had not known the Feast and its graces for very many years. Like the Magi of old they had been led by the Star from paganism and the shadow of death.

The simple life of our Chinese is surprisingly like what we read of the Holy Land in Our Lord's time. The Mother and the Guardian of the Divine Infant were poor, like these peasants. Tissot's painting, *Because there was no room in the Inn*, represents the streets and homes of Bethlehem as almost exactly like those in China. The narrow lane paved with rough stones, the sandaled feet of the Virgin and St. Joseph, and a barefoot woman passing with a child tied to her back, make the similarity almost startling.

It is not hard here to experience the First Christmas, and to experience the

BEHOLD A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON;

happiness of that Holy Night so long ago on which the Son of God became Man for our redemption in Bethlehem of Juda.

**FATHER RAY PLACES CHANG MARIA'S LETTER AT THE CRIB GISHU—**

(Korean Mission)

YOU may recall mention of Chang Maria, former court favorite, now in her eighty-eighth year. Since coming into the Church thirty years ago she has led the life of a saintly recluse. Formerly renowned for her grace and beauty, she is now no less renowned for her faith. Though living ten miles

to this earth. *Infant Jesus, absolve this big sinner, Chang Maria, from her many sins. Please grant this, the desire and hope of my whole life. Grant me virtue, and heavenly protection, and a happy death. This is the first time since coming into the Faith thirty years ago that I spend Christmas at home. I could not come because of a cold and pains. Since I could not spend Christmas as I should have, please forgive me my sins.*

**CHANG MARIA.**

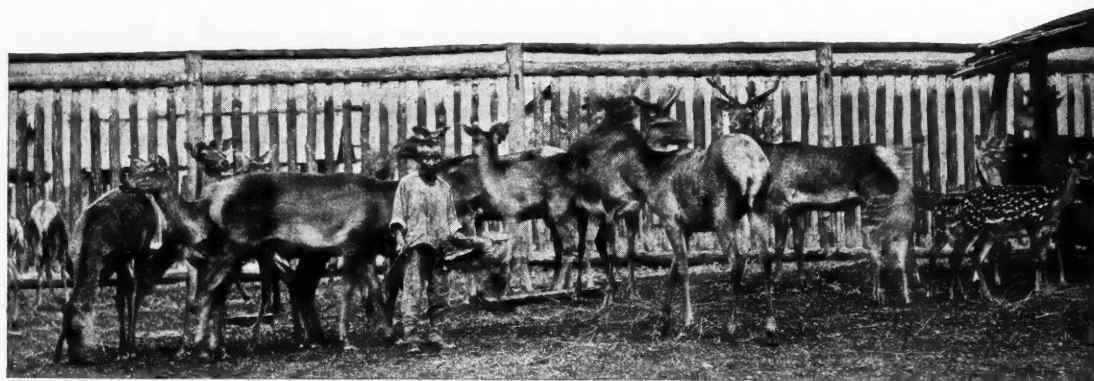
Enclosed in the letter was a money offering to the Infant Savior.

On the afternoon of Christmas Day I was called to a pagan home to bless

**Those Friends of Ours**

I AM glad to be able to renew my subscription to THE FIELD AFAR for another year. I have found some wonderful reading in your magazine.—*St. Paul, Minn.*

As for anything I have done for Maryknoll, I really feel that I deserve no thanks, for I have always considered it the greatest privilege to have been able to help in any way the wonderful work you are carrying on; and I have taken such great pleasure in doing what I could that I feel I have been fully paid in the joy I had in the



MARYKNOLL-IN-MANCHURIA. WITH ITS ZERO WINTER TEMPERATURES, IS AN IDEAL HAUNT FOR REINDEER, BUT THE CHILDREN OF THESE REMOTE REGIONS HAVE NEVER HEARD OF SANTA AND HIS CHRISTMAS SLEIGH. REINDEER ARE BRED EXTENSIVELY IN MANCHURIA FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, AND THE VIEW ABOVE WAS TAKEN ON A REINDEER FARM

away and enfeebled by age, she has never failed to visit the church and receive the Sacraments on the Major Feasts.

St. Catherine of Siena, I believe, it was who said that, if she met an angel in company with a priest, she would salute the priest first, because of his greater dignity. Chang Maria puts this saying into practice. She could not show to an angel greater reverence and veneration than she manifests towards every priest whom she meets. Upon her death all her substance has been willed to the Church.

The following letter, written by her own hand, was sent with the request that it be placed at the Crib on Christmas Eve:

*Praise be to Jesus. Almighty God, Creator of all things, with all my heart I ask Thee to come down peacefully*

the body of the father of the family, who had been baptized on his deathbed. The mother and five little children were left destitute. One glance at the ragged, undernourished children told me the whole story. I bethought me of Chang Maria's offering, and turned it over to the poor woman.

If the money had dropped from Heaven it couldn't have caused her to manifest greater surprise and gratitude. It would carry her through the winter. This little charity, because done to a pagan family, was noised abroad; the Church gained "face", everyone was pleased, and, I think, we may well believe that Chang Maria's prayer was heard.

**GOD'S gift to us is Jesus. Our gift to God is what?**

giving.—*Hollywood, Calif.*

I find THE FIELD AFAR most interesting and instructive, and the covers are very artistic. May your mission works increase and multiply.—*New York, N. Y.*

Will you please send five dollars of the annuity interest to the Reverend Father on Sancian Island, and the other five to me?

Your current number of THE FIELD AFAR is wonderful. May God bless your efforts in these trying times.—*Toledo, Ohio.*

Enclosed please find an offering in honor of St. Francis Xavier, through whose holy intercession I have received a great favor.—*Stockbridge, Mass.*

**AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED EMMANUEL.**





## Where Doctors Disagree

*By the Most Rev. James E. Walsh,  
of Cumberland, Md., Vicar Apostolic  
of the Maryknoll Kongmoon  
field in South China*



**I**N China the survival of the fittest probably accounts for the survival of the unfit. It takes a lot of stamina to weather the unsanitary conditions at all, while it uses up a good part of that stamina in the process. Survivors are veterans of many stern battles, of which they bear the scars; they are tough rather than strong. Robust health is thus not so common, although vitality is amazing. It had to be so, as otherwise few would be alive at all. By withstanding all the ills that flesh is heir to, the battered constitution just naturally becomes ready for anything, for there must be a rare old collection of immunities stored up inside it from the campaigns it has waged.

### Uncharted Drugs—

It would seem that the Chinese system of curative medicine rests largely upon an application of the same principle. It is counter-irritation raised to the nth degree. Although this theory is not always consciously formulated, yet it is largely in use, because it has the pragmatic sanction of many real cures; and it constitutes probably the greatest merit of the old Chinese medicine. The Chinese pharmacopœia contains many uncharted, but undoubtedly potent, drugs which are used lavishly on sick people. Once the patient sur-

vives the drugs, his sickness is comparatively an easy matter.

A catechist with a sore throat was treated by two Chinese doctors. At the end of a week he was so full of various drugs that he acted like a man out of his mind. His doctors were not alarmed. "Time to stop the medicine," they said, "and let it have its effects." When the effects wore off, the sore throat had vanished. The little original infection had found itself in fast company. With all sorts of powerful stimulants and irritants rushing up and down the patient's blood stream, it wisely decided that this was no place for a mere sore throat, so it simply curled up and quit. This sort of medicine can deal effectively with many conditions, although there is always the chance that the patient may meanwhile succumb to the cure.

### Charlatans—

There is in China in addition, of course, as in every other country, a lot of charlatanry practised by village doctors, and by their ubiquitous understudies, the grandmothers, that scarcely merits the name of medicine at all. It proceeds on no system, nor has it any limits except the imagination of the doctor and the patience of the patient.

A village visit one day disclosed a

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well-known general marooned in his ancestral home with typhoid fever. He was surrounded by four doctors who were engaged in stuffing large chunks of pork and other mysterious messes down his unwilling throat. All the general could do was to flop around from side to side and moan, "Please let me die." That request was well on the way to being assured by the ministrations of his doctors, but happily the general's wife had her own doubts about the treatment; and she followed an impulse to send the unfortunate sick man to a nearby mission hospital. The result was one general saved to fight more wars for China. How he ever survived the pork is a mystery, but he often averred that no bullet could touch him because he bore a charmed life; and there may have been, all things considered, some truth in it.

### Would-be-Healers—

The unwitting damage done by grandmothers and mothers-in-law who affect a knowledge of the healing art must be staggering. Yeungkong has one old dowager whose sovereign remedy for all diseases is to burn the soles of the feet. This treatment is not without merit, since it successfully diverts the mind of the patient from his original aches and pains, while it confers on him the additional benefit of an enforced stay in bed. However, there are diseases it cannot cure, and one of them is smallpox. Unfortunately for the old lady, one of her patients suc-

cumbed to this serious disease, in spite of her drastic panacea; and some scepticism thereupon asserted itself among her clientele. Falling ill herself a short time later, she in turn received the same treatment at the hands of her former victims; and with compound interest. They almost burned the feet off the poor old lady, and as she hobbled up and down the alley on crutches for a month ensuing, she was heard to share the general scepticism about the benign effects of her once favorite prescription.

The same person was the one who counseled little Mrs. Hau, a girl in her teens married several years, to stop the crying of her six months old infant by dosing the child with opium. This worked magically once or twice, but soon an overdose stopped the baby from crying for good and all. Frantic appeals ensued, and a devoted mission doctor worked all night to rid the baby's system of the opium poison, but to no avail. All that the doctor accomplished by his heroic night was to engender in the minds of the people a serious doubt about his own skill.

Pretensions to medical knowledge, moreover, are by no means confined to old ladies. Indeed, it is remarkable how every coolie is ready at a moment's notice to set himself up as an expert in medical matters. A former gardener took it on himself with all the confidence in the world to cure the tuberculosis of the catechist by means of tiger-bone wine, although he himself was likewise in the last stages of the same disease without even knowing it. In a recent cholera epidemic, the favored remedy was a mixture obtained by burning a certain kind of cotton cloth and stirring the ashes into a cup of tea; and people walked the streets with a bit of this cloth tucked in their pockets, prepared to concoct their own healing potion immediately on the declaration of the disease.

#### Western Medicine Penetrating—

This sort of thing can, of course, be duplicated in any country, including our own. Even missionaries exist who have refused quinine for malaria. Meanwhile most Chinese doctors are not quite so obtuse, and many are making good use of quinine. One apothecary

made a fortune by buying quinine in bulk, and putting it out as a "cure-fever-pill" in a fancy package at a fancy price. More and more, as Western medicine penetrates, is Chinese medicine becoming eclectic. Quinine is only one of many standard treatments that the more alert Chinese doctors have added to their repertoire. In all the large towns at present there are to be found a few of the more clever among the Chinese doctors who are combining their own hereditary art

with a certain admixture of commonly known Western methods; and they are employing both with a sublime empiricism.

#### Western Trained Chinese Doctors—

The Chinese doctor with a complete Western training is, of course, something else again. He, and also she in some cases, is the real hope and solution for China's medical problems. Not as common as he might be, he is yet to be found in numbers in most large cities, and he is even beginning to be found in some small towns. As a rule, he leaves nothing to be desired in either ability or training.

A group of foreigners were surprised when an American mission doctor brought his Chinese assistant to treat one of their confrères, very sick with empyema. "I brought him along to tap the lung," explained the American doctor, "as he is far more expert than I am."

To train and equip young Chinese doctors along Western lines and in large numbers is the great need. That work is proceeding, but not rapidly enough. Four hundred million people must be converted to modern medicine, and they will take some converting. It is, of course, funds that are lacking. Vocations are plentiful. And here is a pleasing phenomenon. A good number of the students of the new medicine are being recruited from the families of the old Chinese practitioners, to whom, in their touching pride of profession, medicine is medicine, and modern sons dedicated to Pasteur are but chips of the old block.

#### Atavistic Psychology—

The scientifically trained native doctor has, moreover, one great advantage over even the foreign doctor, and it is the circumstance that he himself is Chinese. He knows not only his *subject*, but his *subjects*. It is easier to add medicine to a Chinese than it is to add Chinese to a medico. Armed with his mother tongue and his atavistic psychology, the native doctor will be able not only to cure the disease, but also the patient. Even with the old style Chinese doctors this has been a strong point, for what they do not know about sickness they make up for in



DR. HARRY BLABER, OF BROOKLYN, N. Y., THE FIRST AMERICAN PHYSICIAN TO LABOR IN THE ORIENT WITH THE MARYKNOLL MISSIONERS

*Dr. Blaber has been for two years in the Maryknoll Kongmoon field. He has recently opened a Catholic hospital in Sunning City, center of the region from which most of the Chinese in the United States have emigrated*

HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT;



AN OLD STYLE ORIENTAL DOCTOR

*Surrounded by his uncharted but undoubtedly potent drugs, this Oriental physician of the old school makes up for in knowledge of the sick what he does not know about the sickness*

knowledge of the sick; and between the two they are surprisingly ready for any emergency.

"Losing face" to the extent of feigning death is a common occurrence, and there was an old style doctor in Kong-



AT THE MARYKNOLL KONGMOON SEMINARY IN SOUTH CHINA FR. THOMAS V. KIERNAN, OF CORTLAND, N. Y., GIVES FIRST AID TREATMENT TO THE FOOTBALL WOUNDS OF AN ASPIRANT CHINESE PRIEST

*In the absence of full-fledged Catholic physicians Maryknoll missionaries have accomplished much for souls and bodies by means of medical knowledge acquired during their years of training in the homeland*

moon who ministered to a mind diseased on such an occasion with a superb aplomb. On a supposedly dead woman he tried various forms of resuscitation to no avail. Finally he turned to the bystanders. "This is a very serious case," he said in loud tones. "This woman is so sick that I must apply the great remedy. Get me a cleaver. The only way to cure her is to cut off her big toe." That proved to be truly a great remedy; so efficacious indeed that the mere mention of it banished all thought of death and disease. Before the knife could be procured, the lady was out of bed and very much alive, protesting that she was perfectly cured—as indeed she was.

#### The Foreign Doctor—

As for the foreign doctor, his way has not been easy. The general attitude towards him favors giving him a trial. That is something; but, unless he can produce instant miracles, his practice often ends where it begins. The more so, as most of the cases he gets have usually passed through the hands of various Chinese doctors and village grandmothers before he is appealed to as a last resort. He is then expected to cure, not only the disease, but also the various weird effects of the prior treatments. If he succeeds, he may or may not be given due credit; but, if he fails, he can usually count on receiving the blame, no matter how hopeless the case.

A young couple of some education had a sick baby. It was their wish to bring the child to the mission hospital, but the mother-in-law demurred, and undertook to cure the baby herself. After the baby had undergone a fortnight of barbarous treatment at the hands of this hag, the parents finally insisted on bringing the now dying child to the hospital. Too late; but the foreign doctor did, of course, what he could. The baby died, and the mother-in-law was at once vindicated. Instead of being credited with the murder she had unwittingly wrought, she was able to point triumphantly to the fact that the baby died as soon as it was taken out of her hands to be treated by the Western doctor.

#### Velvet Gloves Needed—

Surgery must be handled with velvet

TO THEM THAT DWELT IN THE REGION OF THE



gloves as well as with rubber. It took ten years for a certain excellent hospital to live down a boycott engendered by the loss of several surgical cases in a row. The rule in most places is to confine surgery to cases sure of a cure. The fighting chance for life that surgery offers in critical cases is largely eschewed in China, since it is a question of the life of the patient against the life of the hospital—if not the life of the doctor himself.

The postmaster was a bosom friend of the colonel of the garrison. When the postmaster's wife lost the first boy, the colonel called to offer his condolences. They were of a unique variety. The colonel demanded to know the name of the doctor who had officiated. "Say the word," he said, "and I shall take him out and shoot him before the sun goes down." Fortunately the postmaster, though grieved, was a man of some discernment; and he interceded successfully with his irate friend for the life of his family physician.

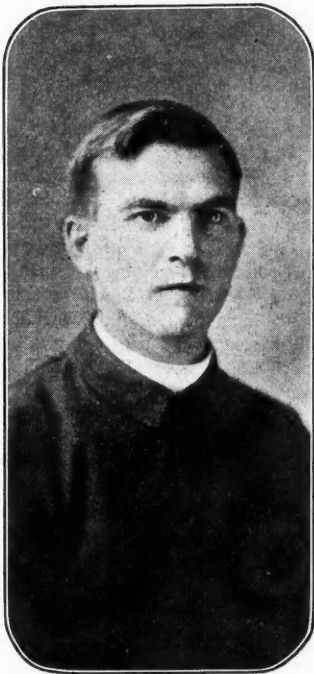
A certain German doctor in North China got off less easily in a similar case. Called to treat a dying man of prominent family, he explained very carefully that there was almost no chance of life, but that he would do what he could if the family desired it. The family begged him to take the case; but, when he acceded and the patient died, they immediately sued him for professional negligence. By a Chinese court he was sentenced to twenty years in jail. Luckily for him, after he had served some months of his term, the sentence was commuted, through the strenuous representations of several foreign governments, to a fine of ten thousand dollars.

#### A Forerunner—

Thus the missionary of medicine in China encounters difficulties that were not anticipated in his medical course, and his role is therefore similar to that of his missionary brother, inasmuch as he is a forerunner preparing the way for his better adapted successor—the native son who will overshadow and supplant him, but who, in supplanting him, will constitute the joy and crown and permanent fruit of his pioneering work.

### Father Frederick Dietz is Appointed to the Synodal Commission in China

ONE of Maryknoll's pioneer missionaries, Fr. Frederick C. Dietz, of Oberlin, Ohio, until re-



FR. FREDERICK C. DIETZ, OF OBERLIN, OHIO, ONE OF MARYKNOLL'S PIONEER MISSIONERS, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE SYNODAL COMMISSION TO PROMOTE INTELLECTUAL RECONSTRUCTION IN CHINA

*Fr. Dietz's assignment to Peking will deprive the Maryknoll Kongmoon field of a devoted Pro-Vicar and Language School Head*

cently the Pro-Vicar of the Maryknoll Kongmoon Vicariate in South China and the head of its Language School for new missionaries, has been appointed to the *Synodal Commission to Promote Intellectual Reconstruction in China*.

The *Synodal Commission* was established by action of the First Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in China, which met at Shanghai in 1924. Its headquar-

ters are in Peking, and it acts immediately under the direction of the Apostolic Delegate to China, His Excellency Archbishop Constantini. Its other members are the Rev. Augustin Bernard, S.J., a Frenchman; the Rev. Philip Ou, C.M., a Chinese; the Rev. G. de Jonghe, of the Paris Foreign Mission Society, a Belgian; and the Rev. Theodore Mittler, of the Society of the Divine Word, a German.

The *Synodal Commission*, working in collaboration with other Catholic institutions of China, makes use of Catholic Action, schools, and the press in its campaign for the moral and intellectual reconstruction of China.

The *Commission* is directing the preparation of a number of text books for use in the Catholic schools of China. These manuals will be made to satisfy the requirements of the government educational authorities.

Catholic pamphlets, manuals of sociology, a manual of Catholic Action, and a manual on education are in the course of preparation.

Foremost among the publications of the *Commission* is the *Collectanea Synodalis*, a monthly review which keeps the missionaries of China informed of what is being done in the Republic for the Propagation of the Faith, and treats ecclesiastical questions both from a theoretical and a practical point of view.

The *Commission* directs all the organizations of Catholic Action in China, and these organizations are developing strongly, especially among the young people.

Fr. Dietz entered the Maryknoll Seminary in 1915, and was ordained to the priesthood the following year. He has been in South China since 1920. In 1929 he returned to the United States as delegate to Maryknoll's first General Chapter, resuming his work in the Kongmoon Vicariate after a few months.

SHADOW OF DEATH, LIGHT IS RISEN.



## The Blind Catechist of Kaying

By Fr. Frederick Donaghy, M.M.,  
of New Bedford, Mass.  
Maryknoll missionary in South China



HO was the man that cried, "A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse"? Be that as it may, any missionary, by substituting for the word "horse" (or "hoss" depending on whence he hails) the two words "good catechist", could give a similar utterance with surely no less sincerity. If there is one point more than another in mission activity on which all missionaries are in the heartiest accord, it is the need of a good catechist.

His is not the easy role it might at first glance appear. First, he is a preacher of the Catholic doctrine, by word and by example, and a defender of the Faith; secondly, a business man with the interest of the mission funds (or lack of funds as the case may be) at heart and clearly in mind; finally, he is the personal representative of the missionary, serving as "middle man" in making contacts with the "right people". As it is my intention, however, to treat here of a particular catechist, rather than of the class in general, suffice it to say that he should be a man of unimpeachable integrity, well grounded in the doctrine, zealous, and highly respected in the community by pagans and Catholics alike. The purpose of this present brief account is to tell how we here at the Seminary in Kaying chanced upon a young man, who, though seriously handicapped by the loss of sight, must be classified as a good catechist.

### The Seminarians' Catechumen—

About five years ago Vong Tsin Tsong, a native of Kaying, was study-

ing in a local high school. Aware of a gradual dimming of sight, he consulted all the native doctors of the city without finding relief. In less than a year his sight in both eyes was completely destroyed, bringing to an abrupt end his school days. Blindness in any country is no slight trial, but in China, with narrow paths bordered by ever-flooded rice fields, it affords added disadvantages. Vong Tsin Tsong, though a pagan, accepted this affliction in a truly admirable spirit, and began to make the best of his sorrowful plight.

Learning that one of his friends was studying the Catholic doctrine, he asked to accompany him and hear the instruction. After the first visit he expressed a desire to be also enrolled as a catechumen. How was a blind man to study the catechism? It was decided that he should live at the Seminary while studying, and so have many helpers close at hand. Seminarians the world over are anxious to try their hand at the art of teaching, and ours undertook with great fervor the task of reading and re-reading the catechism while Tsin Tsong committed it to memory. It would seem that God

compensated the loss of sight with a very keen memory, for in an amazingly short time the study of the catechism was for the blind catechumen an event to be recalled.

### Trials—

Brimming over with zeal, Tsin Tsong returned to his home after Baptism, with the intention of sharing his new happiness with his fellow-villagers by inducing them to study the doctrine; but he found trials awaiting him. His family insisted that he help them to make certain articles used for superstitious practices, such as gold-tinted paper money which is employed to placate the evil spirits, and paper shoes which render it easier for relatives to travel the arduous roads after death. The family would not listen to Tsin's protest that this sort of work was contrary to the teachings of his newly acquired Faith, and they absolutely refused to support him unless he should help. He then came to the mission to explain his situation.

It was obvious that he could not live at home without cooperating in work connected with pagan worship, so he was told to live at the mission. This arrangement was something of a burden, because it meant another mouth to feed with an all too slender budget. However, God will not be outdone in generosity, we are told; and we learned this lesson again.

### Tsin as Apostle—

Monsignor Ford had just instituted a school for the training of catechists in a small Chinese house adjoining the Seminary. Tsin Tsong soon showed that he did not intend to be just an average Catholic, but one with a clear understanding of what his religion meant. For two years he attended every lecture with the students of the school, and, as the result of his close attention and because of an uncanny capacity for retaining what he hears, he now has a very fine grasp on the doctrine. He knows his subject, can express it in fine language, and is untiring in his efforts to make the Church appreciated by all pagans in general and by our neighbors in particular. He is constantly devising, and presenting to Fr. Eckstein for approbation, ways

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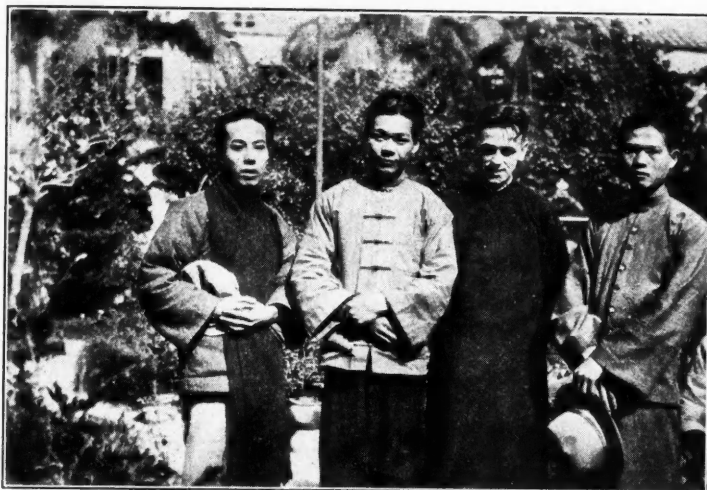
and means for making contacts with pagans. Nor are his zeal and efforts unrewarded. As a result of his preaching and instructions four women and two men were baptized during Holy Week, and at present no less than ten are making preparation.

Tsin occupies a small room close by the main gate of the compound, and few, if any, visitors go away without some words on the Catholic Church. The Chinese, like any other people, do not care to have religion thrust upon them, but when the subject is tactfully and clearly presented they have no peers as willing and interested listeners. Tsin Tsong is blessed with the faculty of broaching the subject in an appealing manner, and always commands attention. It is a rare occasion when one does not find at least two or three people in his room, and it is rarer still to find a topic other than religion under discussion.

#### The Ways of God—

The last Chinese New Year, when people were in a holiday mood, Tsin Tsong chose to give a series of informal talks on the Catholic Church and why it is in China. Each afternoon at three o'clock the tower bell was tolled, and it was a pleasure to watch the folks hustling from the nearby villages to be on hand for a choice seat in our little chapel. The congregations averaged about fifty, and the peak was reached on the third day of the talks when sixty-three were in attendance. It is yet a little premature to predict whether all or any of these people will embrace the Faith.

The following is another instance of Tsin's activities. Recently I was called to officiate at the funeral services of an old lady, one of a few Catholics in a village not far from here. At the end of the ceremonies Tsin Tsong stepped up, and briefly but clearly explained the Catholic concept of death and of the immortality of the soul. Then, in forceful but inoffensive language, he scored the inanity and folly of the superstitious rites practised by the pagans at funeral ceremonies. Not only was there no "loss of face" incurred by the pagans, but all were quite profuse in expressing their conviction of the truths contained in his



FR. FREDERICK DONAGHY, OF NEW BEDFORD, MASS., AND CHINESE CATECHISTS OF MONSIGNOR FORD'S KAYING MISSION FIELD IN SOUTH CHINA

*"The good catechist," writes Fr. Donaghy, "should be a man of unimpeachable integrity, well grounded in the doctrine, zealous, and highly respected in the community by pagans and Catholics alike"*

talk. Can work of this type be carried on without producing in time some real, tangible, not to say worthwhile, results?

Thus in Kaying a blind young man,

who three years ago appeared to be a burden on the mission, is today one of its most valuable assets. The ways of God are beyond the limited scope of our minds.



PLOUGHING FLOODED RICE FIELDS IN THE MARYKNOLL KAYING MISSION

*When the subject of religion is tactfully and clearly presented, the hard laboring Chinese farmer has no peer as willing and interested listener*

TO US, AND THE GOVERNMENT IS UPON HIS SHOULDER;





FR. JOSEPH A. HUNT, M.M., OF CAMBRIDGE, MASS., APOSTLE TO THE JAPANESE IN KOREA, AND SIX OF HIS THIRTY-TWO VIGOROUS EX-  
PONENTS OF CATHOLIC ACTION

### Catholic Action at Chinnampo, Korea

THE first attempt to evangelize Japan was made by Saint Francis Xavier, in the middle of the sixteenth

century. The harvest for the first two years amounted to three thousand Baptisms. This increased rapidly, and by 1626 there were about a million Christians. A great number of Daimyos, or rulers of feudal states, accepted the



A SCENE FROM THE CATHOLIC MOTION PICTURE, *THE TWENTY-SIX MARTYRS OF JAPAN*. ON THE LONG TREK TO CALVARY FATHER PETER THE BAPTIST, THE LEADER OF THE MARTYR BAND, FALLS IN THE SLIME WITH WHICH WINTRY RAINS HAVE COVERED THE JAPANESE COUNTRYSIDE

This picture is now being shown in the United States by Mr. Hirayama, its producer. Maryknoll will gladly furnish information to those interested

### Faith.

Of the violent persecutions which the Church has suffered in every country and in every age, Japan received an abundant share. At the end of the first century of Christianity the number of martyrs was over two thousand. The persecutors usually carried terror into the southwestern part of the country where the Faith was strongest, and the Christian city of Nagasaki was chosen frequently as the place of martyrdom.

It was here, in February of 1597, that a group of twenty-six, made up of sixteen Japanese Christians, six Spanish Franciscans, three Japanese Jesuit Brothers, and a Chinese boy of twelve, were crucified. This followed a terrible march of over four hundred miles from Kyoto, the capital, where they had been condemned. To make the story known a descendant of the early Japanese Christians, Mr. Hirayama, has produced the motion picture, *The Twenty-six Martyrs of Japan*.

At the request of a Catholic drug-gist of Chinnampo, Korea, Mrs. Hirayama, the wife of the producer, sent the picture from Japan. When the film arrived, the owner of the local cinema theater refused to show it. A shadow fell upon the small group of Japanese Catholics as they saw slip from them the opportunity of showing non-Christian Japanese how their fellow-countrymen valued Christianity.

Then, at the risk of losing their savings, the group hired the theater at an enormous rental. The thirty-two Japanese Catholic men, women, and children of the city at once set themselves to the task of filling the hall. Posters were painted, and placed about the city; and the business of selling tickets was carried on vigorously. As the picture was scheduled for showing in three days, personal business was put aside.

The work of the first day was encouraging, but what a shock it was to learn that the owner of the theater insisted that the opening be a day earlier. Argument proved useless. At five o'clock the next morning one of the group was riding his bicycle about the city, changing the date on the posters. Throughout the day the work of selling tickets was pushed; and at the same time those who had bought tickets the

AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED, WONDERFUL, GOD THE MIGHTY,

day before were told of the change of date.

The theater was filled at eight o'clock in the evening; and the tired and anxious Christians were happy. Hundreds of Buddhists and Shintoists with tear-stained eyes gazed in awe at the heroic martyrs on the screen. At intervals the silence was broken by the martyrs' hymns of triumph, which were sung by two of the Christians. It is certain that this remarkable motion picture will long be vivid in the memory of the spectators.

At the afternoon and evening performances on the following day, all seats were again taken; and many—even women with babies on their backs—stood during the picture, which took three hours to run. A record crowd of fifteen hundred saw the picture, and the baffled owner of the theater is still wondering how it was done, and why he did not charge even more rental.

It was remarkable that the profit made was exactly what it had cost Mrs. Hirayama to send the film to Korea. She was doubtless surprised to receive this amount a few days later, for she expected nothing. When sending the picture, she wrote, "One should not consider money when it is a question of spreading the Faith."

Now the "Thirty-two" are following up their victory by answering the many questions of those who saw the historic picture. Perhaps God will call some of them to the True Faith. When He does, we shall squeeze them into our small chapel, which shares a house with a family of Buddhists. It was from this lowly home that the King of Kings stirred to action the Japanese Christians of Chinnampo, that others might be led to Him.

## A Letter From "Brother" Dutton's Folder

IRA B. DUTTON, better known as "Brother" Joseph Dutton, Civil War veteran and for forty-five years an apostle to the lepers of Molokai, was an unusually faithful correspondent. Until his death last year, at the age of eighty-nine, he kept in touch with a

host of friends and admirers, sending printed letters after illness made it impossible for him to write in long-hand.

"Brother" Dutton was keenly interested in the work of Maryknoll, which he followed closely through the pages of THE FIELD AFAR. Though, until shortly before his death, he had never met

light on the character of Father Damien's helper and successor. It is a copy of a letter written by "Brother" Dutton in 1905 to a priest in Syracuse, N. Y., who had visited Molokai and subsequently praised very highly the work done in the Leper Settlement after the leper priest's death. The letter reads as follows:

Kalawao, Molokai, T. H.,

July 19, 1905

My dear Father F.:

Some personal friends speak of us, the imitators (as we truly are); but the world in general, thinking or speaking of this leper settlement or of lepers anywhere, has Father Damien chiefly in view. His death, so tragic yet so humble, has placed him high in the world's affection. We are not able to measure the good thus done, surely it is great and very pleasing to God. We ought to rejoice in having the chance to aid in this by keeping up the work, and our labors ought to occupy us quite fully.

It is good to correspond with our personal friends, and to state the facts that it is well for them to know; but we cannot have any vain thoughts concerning these facts, nor our relations thereto. Our feeling should be chiefly one of gratitude that we are permitted to help perpetuate Father Damien's work, for thus it will ever be considered, I take it, the world over. Had he never begun it, we should hardly be here, indeed it is possible that we would never have heard of the place.

It has often been stated that Father Damien was rough, lacking in culture, and so forth. In any event, he fitted in very well with the early stages of the work. I doubt if there were many who could have effected all the good he did.

The special fitness of the work for my own spiritual needs was a strong incentive when I came to Molokai, and has remained so in staying "come". My love for the work has never decreased.

It is well for us to be humble, but we must not be proud of our humility.

Gratefully yours,

JOSEPH DUTTON.



IRA B. DUTTON, BETTER KNOWN AS "BROTHER" JOSEPH DUTTON, CIVIL WAR VETERAN, AND FOR FORTY-FIVE YEARS AN APOSTLE TO THE LEPEERS OF MOLOKAI

*Some time ago, the late "Brother" Dutton wrote to the Maryknoll Superior General, "I have cut my own hair for more than thirty years. Saving of time is the object. We have plenty of people at Molokai who cut hair very well, but they use so much time"*

the Maryknoll General, he was in correspondence with him for a number of years, never failing to send Father Walsh a birthday greeting. So, in the Maryknoll archives there is a treasured folder marked "Brother" Dutton.

Looking over this folder recently, "one of ours" came upon a document which throws an interesting

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you and yours during this blessed  
tide, and always.

**Unto us a Christ is born; O  
come, let us adore Him!**

**A** DECEMBER feast that  
means much to the foreign  
missioner is that of St. Francis  
Xavier, which is observed on the  
third. The feast is kept in all  
Maryknoll houses, although the  
special celebration is reserved for  
the *Novena of Grace*, which is  
held yearly from March fourth to  
the twelfth inclusive.

We are pleased to record that  
at Sancian Island, where St. Francis  
Xavier died, there are today  
signs of progress—spiritual and  
material. The Shrine Chapel,  
which the late Fr. Joseph J. Cush-  
man visited with Bishop Dunn,  
and to which both contributed

generously, is undergoing substan-  
tial repairs; and arrangements are  
being started for regular pilgrim-  
ages from the mainland. It is ex-  
pected that the first of a long  
series of pilgrimages will be con-  
ducted this coming year.

Incidentally, readers of *THE  
FIELD AFAR* have reported unus-  
ual favors, spiritual and material,  
received through Saint Francis  
Xavier during the *Novena of  
Grace*.

**Come ye Gentiles, and adore  
the Lord; for this day a great  
Light hath descended upon the  
earth.**

**T**HE Catholic world loves the  
Immaculate Conception; and  
we of America rejoice in the fact  
that she has been named by the  
Church as our Patroness. Would  
that her life—stainless, simple,  
and Christ-loving—could impress  
in this country millions more than  
her faithful Catholic children!

Christmas brings cheer and  
good will to many American non-  
Catholic hearts, young and old.  
Our prayer is that the natural joys  
of the season may be supernatu-  
ralized; then could the Immacu-  
late Conception, and her Divine  
Babe, be recognized and loved in  
this much-blessed land.



**F**RRIENDS are always asking if  
—in these days when so many

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we expect to sink. When we as-  
sure them that we count on re-  
maining afloat, they ask how we  
can do it. Our answer then is  
that we keep afloat by the Provi-  
dence of God, that has sustained  
us from the beginning. We add  
that progress is slow because those  
who would help us cannot, and, as  
usual, those who can will not.

You who read these lines prob-  
ably have your own problem; and  
its solution, depending upon your-  
self alone, may be very difficult.  
We of Maryknoll are inclined not  
to air our own problems, but we  
know that a little from many will  
meet our needs, and that in every  
thousand of our readers there  
must be at least a hundred who  
can spare something for Mary-  
knoll. So we present one of our  
problems.

Over a hundred Maryknoll mis-  
sioners actually on the field are  
dependent on the home base for  
sustenance, because their work is  
largely among non-Catholics, or  
recently converted of the poorer  
classes. We must find for each  
missioner a dollar every day to  
meet his personal wants. Already  
some friends have risen to this  
need, and each has expressed his  
purpose to *Sponsor* a missioner by  
meeting the yearly expense (\$365)  
in whole or in part.

Also, two Diocesan Directors  
of the *Propagation of the Faith*  
are each sponsoring a missioner;  
a fraternal organization is becom-  
ing interested; likewise a parish,  
and a sodality. The promise is  
good; and, if this idea can be  
ventilated, we are certain that it  
will appeal—so as to solve one of  
the Maryknoll problems.

Does it interest you?

**The Lord hath made known  
His Salvation; He hath reveal-  
ed His Justice in the sight of  
the Gentiles.**

**I**F we judge our readers aright,  
there is no one of them who will  
not enthuse over Bishop Walsh's

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST;



*Father McShane of Maryknoll.* This is no ordinary life—with numerous details more or less fanciful about childhood, followed by an idealized chronicle of years passed in the seminary, and on the field of labor. It is a direct narration of facts, with an appreciation of salient traits of character; and woven into the narrative is the picture of life as it is led today by the average Catholic missionary—a picture that cannot fail to impress even non-Catholics.

**This day you shall know  
that the Lord will come, and  
save us; and in the morning  
you shall see His glory.**

IN selecting a Christmas book this year, you will make no mistake if you take Bishop Walsh's life of the first Maryknoll priest—to which reference is made above.

The book, designed to help make American Catholics mission-minded, is being sold purposely so low that direct profit is eliminated, and loss expected; but indirectly this book will be a veritable missionary, stimulating prayers, service, and material help in generous measure.

While urging the purchase of the latest Maryknoll book, we remind our readers that Maryknoll can provide other holiday gifts—satisfying, yet inexpensive.

These are: more books, Chi Rho pins, Oriental objects, and, above all, *THE FIELD AFAR* itself—a gift that will bring from its recipients a sigh of thanks each month of the year.

**For while all things were in  
quiet silence and the night was  
in the midst of her course,  
Thy Almighty Word leapt  
down from heaven from Thy  
royal throne.**

THROUGH Directors of the *Society for the Propagation of the Faith*, and of the *Holy Childhood*, Maryknoll and her mission-



#### A CHRISTMAS SONG

O LORD, as You lay so soft and  
white,

A Babe in a manger stall,  
With the big star flashing across the  
night,

Did you know and pity us all?  
Did the wee hands, close as a rosebud  
curled,

With the call of their mission ache  
To be out and saving a weary world  
For Your merciful Father's sake?

Did you hear the cries of the groping  
blind,

The woe of the leper's prayer,  
The surging sorrow of all mankind,  
As You lay by Your Mother there?

Beyond the shepherds, low bending  
down,

The long, long road did You see  
That led from peaceful Bethlehem  
town  
To the summit of Calvary?

O Child of the Promise! Lord of Love!  
O Master of all the earth!

While the angels are singing their  
songs above,

We bring our gifts to Your birth.  
Just the blind man's cry, and the lame  
man's pace,

And the leper's pitiful call;  
On these, over infinite fields of space,  
Look down, for You know them all.

—Teresa Brayton

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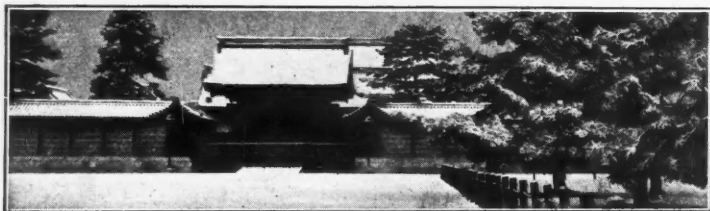
Knowing the disposition of our friends, we need hardly remind them to keep up their interest in these two mission aid societies, which mean much to worldwide missions. Maryknoll does not like

to be left out in the cold these trying times; neither do we wish to encourage neglect of those who have a prior claim—the parish, the diocese, and the Pontifical Mission Aid Organizations (that ask for so little).

AND ON EARTH PEACE TO MEN OF GOOD WILL.

# In the Awakened Orient—how

By the V. Rev. James Anthony Walsh, Ap., S. J.



A SNOWLADEN JAPANESE PAGAN TEMPLE. WINTER SNOWS ARE HEAVY IN NORTHERN JAPAN, AND FOREIGNERS FIND THE DWELLINGS VERY POORLY HEATED



It is common knowledge that Japan, small as are its clustered islands, has awakened fully to what the world calls progress—to electricity, the cinema, Western music, department stores, daily dreadfuls, telephones, automobiles, baseball, and golf; not to forget education of the masses, universities, and dreadnaughts. And it is equally well known that this nation of small people, limited areas, and great ambitions has so avidly appropriated all these things that spiritual values have largely disappeared, leaving only a small opening for the light of Christ.

## A Small Representation—

In Japan and its dependencies (Korea and Formosa) there are today some

seventy-three and a half millions of people. Out of these the Catholic Church can count as her adherents only 216,000. This is a confessedly small representation of the world-wide Church; yet there are signs that Japan is awakening to a knowledge and appreciation of Catholicity, which until recently has been much understaffed, inadequately sustained, and little understood. Perhaps, before going further, I should say that my own personal observations in Japan have been limited to passage rather than residence. There is no Catholic foreign mission society from the United States in Japan itself as yet, although Maryknoll has a sector in Korea, besides working among the Japanese people in Manchuria.

I have made four visits to Japan; the longest not more than a few weeks' duration. The latest was in 1931, and I was gratified to find marked pro-

gress; more churches, more native priests, a native bishop (the first), several additional ecclesiastical divisions, newly installed missionary societies, and a correspondingly enlarged roster of Christians.

## A Time of Struggle—

Numbers, however, are not the only worth-while considerations in appreciating the development of the Church in a mission land. If that were so, the Church in Japan can hardly be said to have advanced. It must be recalled, however, that following the era of persecution dating from the close of the sixteenth century all Catholic propaganda ceased, and that the Christians



A JAPANESE OFFICIAL WORSHIPPING HIS ANCESTORS



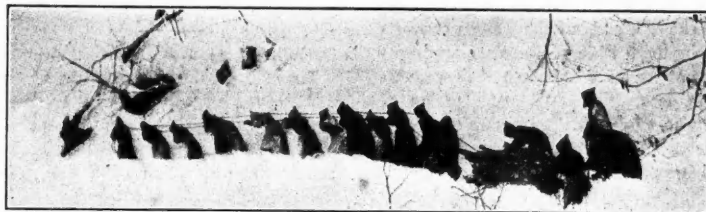
SNOW BIRDS IN THE

# How Fares Christ in Japan?

my W. Ap., Superior General of Maryknoll

who remained faithful during two centuries and a half were poor and isolated.

The French missionaries who re-entered Japan after the visit of Commodore Perry, in 1854, had to depend largely upon France for sustenance and for the development of their missions. Nor was their advent at all welcomed by the Japanese, unless we except those among them who, to supplement their resources and to make contacts, became foreign language professors in the newly established schools and universities. These teaching priests and the teaching Brothers who followed them gave to the struggling Church in Japan a certain measure of prestige,



TRAPPIST MONKS IN NORTHERN JAPAN CARRYING FUEL FOR THE MONASTERY. AMONG THESE TRAPPISTS ARE A NUMBER OF NATIVE JAPANESE

which they shared later with teaching orders of Sisters from France—notably the Dames de Saint Maur and the Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres.

Other activities of Catholic priests were confined almost exclusively to the poor—to the thousands in and around Nagasaki who had inherited the Faith but who required much instruction, and to scattered little flocks elsewhere in the Islands. Means and personnel were lacking for medical missions, or for press propaganda.

## Catholic Higher Education—

The mission to Japan of His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell, then Bishop of Portland, opened the way for the arrival of Jesuit Fathers, whose aim was to establish a university at Tokyo. There were difficulties, however, and the greatest seems to have been the insistence by the Government on a large

endowment, before it would recognize the desired standing and confer proper title. Happily this difficulty has lately been removed; and last year, when in Tokyo, I found new and large buildings, with an increased enrollment that cannot fail in time to strengthen the Church in Japan and be a blessing to that country.

Meanwhile, the Brothers of Mary, who have been in Tokyo for many years, have kept a deservedly high reputation for their advanced schools—in Tokyo itself, as also in Yokohama, Osaka, and Nagasaki—incidentally encouraging native vocations. The French Sisters have also developed their schools, calling to their aid English-speaking subjects, and attracting many excellent young women. The daughters of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat—the Religious of the Sacred Heart—are now in Japan, and their influence as an English-



A PICTURESQUE GLIMPSE OF RURAL JAPAN

speaking teaching Sisterhood has already been widely felt, notably in the higher classes of society.

The husbands of the women converted by the teaching Sisters are apparently not only reconciled to their conversion, but pleased. The conversion of a wife evidently does not affect either her own social standing, or the career of her husband. What would happen to the husband's career, should he follow his wife, is another question.

#### Influential Converts—

Conversions such as those just mentioned are as yet comparatively few, and the Church in Japan has a long way to go before it can leaven the classes or the masses. I was interested and somewhat amused, however, last year to hear a French priest in Japan express a mild regret that the Japanese were beginning to regard the Catholic Church as that of the élite.

There is no danger that the Church of the manger-born Christ will lose in Japan, or elsewhere, its enviable title of *Church of the Poor*. However, it is most gratifying to note the increasing patronage of Catholic schools by influential families, and to chronicle the fact that some of them are even now members of the Mystical Body of Christ. This is as it should be, since Catholicity implies aptitude to meet the soul needs, not only of all nations, but of all classes within the nations. Riches and high station are often obstacles to the Faith of Christ; but a wealthy Catholic who realizes his stewardship can be a noble instrument in God's hands, and an honorable position can emphasize the charm of holiness in the right kind of a subject.

In the Orient, perhaps more than elsewhere, the less educated are deeply impressed by the example of the higher classes, especially the learned. Saint Francis Xavier sensed this attitude when he procured from his homeland such raiment as would impress the dignitaries of Japan, and, through them, the common people.

An interesting record of early conversions, following the mission of Xavier, can be found in a volume entitled *Christian Daimyos*, by Fr. Steichen of the Paris Foreign Mission Society. The Daimyos were territorial

rulers in Japan, and their influence brought many of their subjects into the Faith.

#### Catholic Action—

The story of subsequent persecutions, a sad one, does not belong here, but it is worthy of note that among other recent Catholic activities in Japan is the production of a film, *The*

United States, where, after having had his film revised at Hollywood and English titles inserted, he hopes to have it seen in many cities and towns.

The film is a new form of Catholic Action in Japan, but it will doubtless prove an efficient teacher.

The Japanese have always been fond of conferences, and in recent years these have been given by noted priests and a few laymen in various sections of the country. In the University of Tokyo, groups of students following courses in law, medicine, or engineering have invited Catholic priests to give series of conferences on religious subjects. Several conversions have resulted.

The apostolate of the press is also receiving much attention. Small publications have combined, and a press center has been established at Tokyo for the spread of Catholic literature—books, periodicals, and news items of value. The printed word can do incalculable good or harm in Japan, as the people are very fond of reading. I was told that ninety-five per cent of the children now of school age can read and write, and I can readily believe it, because schoolchildren are always and everywhere in evidence.

Among my first impressions of Japan is the flop flop of their wooden shoes on the railway platforms as we stopped at stations between Yokohama and Tokyo.

#### God Supplies—

The Church will, of course, have to keep pace with the rapid development that characterizes present-day Japan, and the task will be far different from ours in the United States today (hard as the times may be). Here Catholics are numbered in the millions, there in the thousands—few of whom are in a position to strengthen materially the hands of their spiritual leaders.

The marvel is—and it grows on me whenever I visit the Orient—that the Catholic Church has accomplished what she has there, with the measure of alms that she has received from Europe and America. Faith and sacrifice have doubtless made up for what was lacking materially. God supplies when man fails.



THREE DAUGHTERS OF MR. SIMON TSE YAU, A PROMINENT CATHOLIC LAYMAN OF HONG KONG WHO HAS OFTEN ACTED AS HOST TO MARYKNOLL MISSIONERS, VACATIONING IN JAPAN

Since this picture was taken Agnes (wearing hat) has entered Carmel

*Twenty-six Martyrs of Japan*. This film has been sponsored by a distinguished Catholic, Mr. Hirayama, who has personally financed the production. It has drawn large audiences in Japan proper, Manchuria, and Korea, and has been strongly commended by Japanese educational authorities. Maryknoll missionaries in Manchuria and Korea report that a number of non-Christian Japanese have asked for instruction after having viewed the movie.

Mr. Hirayama is at present in the

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AND THE ANGEL SAID TO THEM: FEAR NOT;



**The Greatest Achievement—**

A short while ago a world broadcasting organization forwarded to Maryknoll a request for a five minute "success talk", in answer to the question:

"What is the greatest achievement of the work you are doing?"

The right answer is, "God knows"; but I am inclined to think that a satisfactory reply would be, "The lessening of prejudice and the better common understanding of different races, secured by the revelation of the Sacred Heart, that is to say, the Charity of Christ."

*Cor ad cor loquitur—Heart to heart speaketh.* There is a heart in every child of man, and, until that heart stops beating, humble prayer and patience can bring God's saving grace to its possessor. The task of the Christian is to reach the heart of the unbeliever, wherever he is. It takes time to get to the heart of an alien people, and selfish interests, individual as well as national, will continue to retard the effort; but Christ's command to *teach and baptize the nations, to preach the gospel to every creature* is clear, and we, His followers, will be charged with negligence if we fail to heed it.

I am well aware that we have a growing number of pagans in this country; and that, if they can be won back from the worship of material things to serve the Living God, a mighty task will have been accomplished. The Christian has a duty towards these people, but not to the exclusion of those who have never had the advantages of contact with the Spirit of Christ.

For the Awakened Orient this is the hour when ageless culture is disintegrating, and nations, suffering the pangs of rebirth, need all that we can give to counteract the deadening poison of Sovietism and the flippant sophistication of the Western world.

*Let us work (together) for the salvation of souls! We have but the one day of this life to save them, and so give to Our Lord a proof of our love. Tomorrow will be Eternity, then Jesus will reward you a hundredfold for the sweet joys you have given up for Him.*

—The Little Flower.

FOR, BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT

**VENARD WINTER CAMP**

**L**OCATED on the grounds of the Maryknoll Preparatory College, Clarks Summit, Pa., 1400 feet above sea level, and 135 acres in extent, in the hill country of northeastern Pennsylvania. Camp opens on the afternoon of Dec. 26th, and closes on the afternoon of Jan. 3rd. Rates are \$2.00 per day, and \$15.00 for the entire period.

*Requirements*

**B**OYS from 8 to 18 years are acceptable. They should provide themselves with heavy clothing, especially a woolen cap to pull over the ears, woolen mittens, several pairs of woolen socks, shoes for tramping through heavy snow, skis, skates, and a pair of rubber-soled shoes for use in the gym. Bedding is supplied.

*Activities*

**S**KIING, skating, tobogganing and sledding, with indoor games in the gym when it is impossible to go outdoors. Skiing is most popular; next comes a tobogganing party on a crisp, moonlight night, with a hot drink after it to drive away the chills. A hike on skis to a nearby mountain, with a meal cooked in the open, is the feature of the week. Facilities for skating are excellent, and there are always some exciting hockey games. On a very bad day, or of an evening, the gym is used for basketball or volleyball.

*Quarters*

**T**HE boys sleep in the new dormitory of the college, eat in the refectory food cooked by the Maryknoll Sisters, and hear Mass in the chapel. A Maryknoll Father is in charge, assisted by seminarians.

*For further information and applications address: The Camp Director, Maryknoll Preparatory College, Clarks Summit, Pa.*



A WINTER CAMPER AT OUR VENARD PREPARATORY COLLEGE IN PENNSYLVANIA PAUSES TO ADMIRE THE BEAUTY OF A SNOW SCENE IN A WOODS NEARBY

*Those who have enjoyed previous seasons at the Venard Winter Camp have found it an ideal place for winter sports*

## Christmas Cheer at the Home Hearth

**S**OME fifteen years ago, when the Vénard students occupied temporary quarters in the stable (rather, the hayloft) at the Mother Knoll, there was but one happy family to celebrate the Maryknoll Christmas.

To every family, sooner or later, comes the time of the dispersion; and this year there will be seventy Maryknoll Christmasses—celebrated on three continents and in the Islands of the Pacific. Nor do these seventy Maryknoll hearths include the already numerous establishments in fields afar of our good helpers, the *Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic*.

Though scattered, some with the depth of the earth between, the various houses are but one Maryknoll in "different manifestations"; and consequently their Christmas is not that of many units separated by distance, but of many units united through distance by one ideal, one spirit, one purpose—the revelation to those in pagan darkness of the Babe of Bethlehem, the *Light of the World*.

### Christmas Carolers—

**T**HE Christmas carolers will make their rounds at midnight on the Eve of the great Feast; and peace, such as the world cannot give, will brood delightfully over the Knoll.

Troubles seem to be dissipated on that blessed night, and the little demons that gain entrance even into the cloisters of earth are always put to flight by the angels of the Crib.

Welcome Christmastide! Come, Emmanuel!

### Our Guest Book—

**R**EGISTERED lately on our guest book were clerical vis-



CHRISTMAS SNOWS ON A MARYKNOLL CRUCIFIX REMIND US OF SIMEON'S PROPHECY TO THE MOTHER OF THE DIVINE INFANT: "AND THY OWN SOUL A SWORD SHALL PIERCE, THAT OUT OF MANY HEARTS THOUGHTS MAY BE REVEALED"

itors from China and France, as also from Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Washington, Georgia, Connecti-

cut, California, and way stations in the United States.

The visitors numbered two score, and included two bishops, their Excellencies, the Most Rev. John B. MacGinley, D.D., and the Most Rev. Thomas C. O'Reilly, D.D., of Scranton. Both are "Maryknoll" bishops, the first fathering San Juan Bautista Mission, the other our Preparatory College in Pennsylvania, *The Vénard*.

### A Bishop and Benefactors—

**M**ARYKNOLLERS received the Bishop of Fresno when, after an enforced absence due to ill health, he returned from Ireland—his native soil—to New York.

Bishop MacGinley stayed over at the Knoll; and a few days later his genial Chancellor, Monsignor Crowley, did likewise.

While the Shepherd of Fresno was with us, word came from old San Juan Bautista Mission that General Sherman, a benefactor of the mission, had died. General Sherman, a non-Catholic, became interested through a well-known Los Angeles columnist in the restoration of the old jail attached to the mission.

The Bishop was pleased to learn of the benefaction; and of a larger gift from another non-Catholic, who has provided the mission with a comfortable extension that gives to the incumbents a home, to replace the two-room cottage that till now has served them. The "jail" will house a passing lay guest or two, and the padres' quarters will take care of the occasional priest visitor.

### A Noteworthy Film—

**M**R. Dominic Hirayama, who has successfully exhibited his great film, *The Twenty-six Martyrs of Japan* on the Pacific Coast, has come East by way of Chicago. On his arrival in New York he

### THE MISSIONER'S CHRISTMAS

**A**merican missionaries in the Orient look forward all the year to Christmas remembrances from the folks at home. Have you a foreign missionary on your Christmas list?

Your gift to the missions is a gift to Christ.

JOY THAT SHALL BE TO ALL THE PEOPLE;

visited Maryknoll, and both communities were privileged to see for themselves the much heralded picture. There was no disappointment—only a fear lest the picture, which was produced at great expense, would not find the many openings which it deserves.

This film will do untold good and find many friends if it can attract the attention of those who are in a position to make it known. It presents an excellent opportunity for parishes, schools, and fraternal organizations in the Catholic Church, and for "clean picture promoters" in the secular circuits. Maryknoll will gladly put in touch with Mr. Hirayama those interested in this remarkable picture.

#### CHEAP?

Maryknoll Books are cheap in price only. They offer the best of information, inspiration, and entertainment. Why not use them for Christmas gifts? See the back cover.

#### Our Lady of Maryknoll—

IN the center of the Seminary quadrangle, under its Oriental canopy, stands the graceful and impressive statue of *Our Lady of Maryknoll*. Lighted at night on our Blessed Mother's feasts, it is a special joy to her clients.

The dwellers at Maryknoll have learned to love this shrine—the gift of a convert, by the way—and as the years pass their devotion will manifest itself in divers ways. Some day we hope to have

replicas of this truly beautiful statue in other Maryknoll houses, and perhaps in the homes of friends.

#### A Double Ceremony—

OVER at the Sisters' Mother-House His Excellency, Bishop Dunn, the Most Reverend Auxiliary of New York, to whose paternal solicitude the Maryknoll Sisters owe so much, presided last October fourth at a double ceremony.

Before installing the cloistered group of Maryknoll Sisters in their new home, he consecrated the altar in the Mother-House chapel. Bishop Dunn was assisted by his Secretary, the Rev. Thomas J. McDonnell.



LAST AUTUMN, SOON AFTER THE OPENING OF THE NEW SCHOLASTIC YEAR, HOME KNOLL MARYKNOLLERS ASSISTED AT THE BLESSING OF THE STATUE OF *OUR LADY OF MARYKNOLL*. THIS BEAUTIFUL AND GRACIOUS IMAGE OF THE QUEEN OF APOSTLES AND HER DIVINE SON WILL LIVE FOREVER IN THE MEMORIES OF OUR SOLDIERS OF CHRIST ALONG THE FAR-FLUNG MARYKNOLL MISSION TRAIL.

FOR, THIS DAY IS BORN TO YOU



*A Story of the China Missions*  
By F. David



**W**HATEVER is the matter with Father Joseph?" asked the young missionary hotly. "He makes me tired. Here it is the day before Christmas, we have the good luck

to have you as a guest, and yet he is more touchy than a bear with a sore head. Oh, well, I shall just let him alone, that's all."

"I wouldn't take that line, Father Ed," advised Father Tim. "In the first place, Father Joseph doesn't need to stand on ceremony with me, we've been through too much together out here on the mission field. Secondly, if he's not himself, there must be something pretty seriously wrong. And, finally, it seems to me from what you've told me yourself that Father Joseph has been uncommonly good to you during your first months in China. You can afford to take a few quick words from him."

Unseen by the two priests on the veranda, Father Joseph drew back into the shadows of the corridor. The conversation he had accidentally overheard hurt intolerably. Even Father Tim's loyalty failed to ease the pain of his bitter disappointment in Father Ed. What he had feared, then, was true; the "lad" had no further use for him.

He saw it all now. He had taken the young missionary's manifestations of friendship entirely too seriously. Father Ed had been desperately homesick after his arrival in China, he had doubted his vocation; and Father Jo-

seph had known anxious weeks and months of prayer and sympathy with his companion's suffering.

"It was only natural that he should cling to me," thought Father Joseph. "There was no one else. But now he does not need me any more, and I am nothing to him. He much prefers to be with Father Tim, although he has known him only a few days."

Force of habit guided the older missionary's steps to the chapel where, during a decade spent in South China, he had found comfort for many heartaches. But now the Changeless Friend behind the Tabernacle veil was strangely silent, and the weight of disillusionment did not lift.

### WHY NOT?

**AS the Infant Savior stretches out His little hands to you from the Crib, you wonder what gift you can best place in them. Listen awhile, in the silence of the Holy Night.**

**It may be that the gift He asks of you is the gift of yourself, as an apostle to those who have never heard the Good Tidings of Great Joy.**

After a bit, however, long familiar sentences began to run through Father Joseph's mind, so vividly that it seemed as if some one must have spoken them.

*Without a friend thou canst not well live, and if Jesus be not thy Friend above all, thou wilt be exceedingly sad and desolate. Of all, therefore, that are dear to thee let Jesus always be thy special Beloved. Neither desire that any one's heart should be set on thee; nor do thou let thyself be taken up with the love of any one, but let Jesus be in thee.*

"Well," said Father Joseph to himself, "I am all kinds of a fool. I left America and my own people to follow where Christ was calling me, and now, after ten years on the mission field, here I am all broken up because I have been deceived in a fellow-missioner's friendship. Yes, Reverend Father Joseph Brent, you are an ass."

"You are an ass," the words started a new train of thought. Father Joseph was back in the village in Maine on his parents' farm. He was already a young man, home from the Seminary for his month's vacation. Before him stood his little brother John, looking up at him with wide blue eyes in which there was an agony of hurt wonder. After all these years Father Joseph could not remember those eyes without a remorse that dimmed with tears his own.

John, the beloved little brother, had had such a tender heart. Joseph had never spoken harshly to the child. But that day he had been engrossed in his studies, and John had kept on asking him questions. Finally the seminarian had given his little brother an angry look. He had not even spoken, but the lack of love in his face had pierced the child's heart. "Oh, Joseph," the little one had sobbed, "you do not love me. You only care about your books." "Don't be an ass," he had cried, hugging John with strong young arms, "you're a regular chump, old fellow."

But it had been hard to bring happiness back to those hurt eyes. Tiny John, how the child had loved him. It must be nearly twenty years now that the Christmas snows had rested white on that little grave in Maine, and yet Father Joseph would have given any-

**A SAVIOR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD,**



thing in the world not to have put the hurt in those innocent eyes.

At this point the missionary's memories were interrupted by whispering voices at the chapel door.

"Do you suppose the *Shan-foo* (Spiritual Father) will tell us boys about the little Jesus in the crib, and His beautiful Mother, and the star, and the shepherds? Do you think he might let me hold the little Lord of Heaven in my arms for a moment if I am ever so careful?" asked one of the voices with a child's fervor of eager anticipation.

"No," whispered another voice, a child's too, but with a note of wistful sadness. "I do not think so, this time. You see, the *Shan-foo* does not care about us any more like he used to. He only loves the young Spiritual Father. He will forget to tell us about the crib."

Father Joseph stepped to the door, and there in the sunlit compound were two of the neighbors' boys. They stared at him with a world of doubtful, wistful questioning; but did not speak. Father Joseph looked down into the upturned, chubby face of the smaller child; and his heart leapt up in a startled agony of love and remorseful tenderness. The dark, slanting eyes had not the remotest physical resemblance to those blue eyes of so long ago, and yet the hurt wonder was the same; the tiny Chinese lad looked up at Father Joseph with the eyes of little John.

*And a little child shall lead them.—  
Let all things be loved for Jesus's sake,  
but Jesus for His own sake.*

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The morning was drawing to a close as Father Tim and Father Ed saw Father Joseph walking with two Chinese boys towards the compound gate. The children were brimming over with joy, and one glance at Father Joseph's face warmed Father Tim's heart.

"Well, Fathers," said the pastor as he returned to the house, "I'm sorry I've been such a grouch. I've been having a rather bad time with myself, but, thank God, it is over now. I want you men to help me prepare for the Infant King the most royal welcome He has ever had to this mission. And

#### IT APPEALS

**THE ANNUITY IDEA**  
appeals—it is such an easy way to avoid will breaking, helping yourself and us at the same time.

Send for our Annuity Leaflet.

I want the children especially to rejoice in His coming, because of a little brother of mine who has celebrated Christmas with the Christ Child for almost a score of years."

"Funny old duck," thought Father Ed; but Father Tim understood. Going to meet Father Joseph he said, too softly for Father Ed to hear, "I've guessed the little brother's Christmas message to you, Father Joe. *The heart of man is not at rest until it rests in God, above all things created. For God is Love.*"



THERE IN THE SUNLIT COMPOUND WERE TWO OF THE NEIGHBORS' BOYS. THEY STARED AT HIM WITH A WORLD OF DOUBTFUL, WISTFUL QUESTIONING; BUT DID NOT SPEAK

IN THE CITY OF DAVID.

## An Anniversary and a New Beginning



**T**WENTY years ago, in the fall of 1912, the Maryknoll Sisters—then called Teresians because of their particular devotion to St. Teresa, whose prayers, we are told, saved as many souls as St. Francis Xavier's active apostolate—moved from their temporary shelter at Hawthorne to Maryknoll.

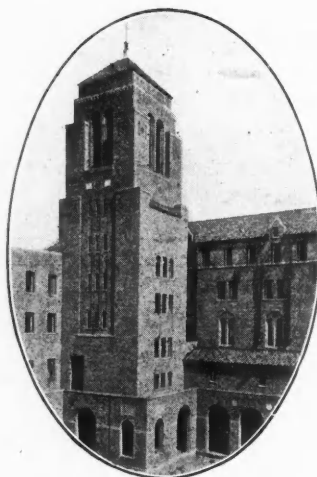
The initial group of three, who had cast in their lot with those who would go the whole way for souls, had increased to seven. Their undertaking was considered foolhardy, even sentimental—for they had no resources, no definite hope of a participation in the actual mission field.

But they had faith—faith in the kindly leadership of the Fathers who had welcomed their assistance for the office and household work of the newly-founded Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America; faith in the generosity and zeal for souls of America's priests, religious, and laity, once the mission cause should be made known; and above all faith in Divine Providence, Whose Will they were trying to follow: "Go teach all nations."

That faith has been justified. Fine vocations have come from all points of the compass; some two hundred Maryknoll Sisters are actually in the fields afar as teachers, catechists, doctors, nurses, and social service workers; unbelievably crowded living quarters have been replaced by a Mother-House.

As they thank God for what has been accomplished, they add a prayer of petition that the difficult times which overshadow us all may not quench the charity of those who have sustained them in the past.

May their faith remain undimmed!



THE TOWER OF THE MARYKNOLL SISTERS' NEW MOTHER-HOUSE

*A certain Maryknoller, doubtless from Missouri, claims that Father Foto is responsible for the airship faintly visible overhead*

### The Cloister Opening—

**T**HE traditional courtesy between the Franciscan and the Dominican Orders was beautifully carried on when last October fourth, on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the *Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic* were privileged to begin a new phase of their work, the establishment of their Cloistered Branch.

His Excellency Bishop Dunn, representing His Eminence Cardinal Hayes of New York, presided at the simple ceremony which marked the entrance of the fortunate group into their Cloister. For the present the members of the new foundation are occupying *Regina Coeli*, a dwelling which formerly housed groups of novices and postulants before the completion of the Maryknoll Sisters' new Mother-House. When

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means permit, a wing for the Cloistered Branch may be added to the Mother-House.

### Not a Separate Unit—

**T**HIS new foundation is not a separate unit, but an integral part of the Congregation, having for its end the purpose of the Congregation as a whole—the sanctification of its members, and the conversion of pagans in heathen lands and of Asiatics in Christian countries. Only professed Maryknoll Sisters are eligible for the Cloistered Branch, entrance into it is entirely voluntary, and the assignment is made by the Mother General and her Council.

The Sisters called to the Cloister will spend themselves in prayer, penance, and labor, for all missions in general, and for those of Maryknoll in particular.

### The Pioneers—

**T**EN pioneers have been chosen as the Maryknoll Sisters' first cloistered nuns.

The Superior of the privileged band is Sr. M. Magdalen Doelger, of New York City; and her companions are Sr. M. Christopher Nauman, of New York City; Sr. M. Irene Sullivan, of Framingham, Mass.; Sr. M. Rosalie Weber, of Detroit, Mich.; Sr. M. Dominica Gallagher, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Sr. M. Rosaleen Hampson, of Lexington, Ky.; Sr. M. Ernestine Mathieu, of New Bedford, Mass.; Sr. M. Letitia Stephenson, of Needham, Mass.; Sr. Marie François Combs, of St. Louis, Mo.; and Sr. M. Rose Teresa McCullough, of Wilmington, Del.

### Cloister Needs—

**O**UR cloistered Sisters would welcome as gifts (second hand, equally acceptable) the current issue of the *Catholic Directory*; *The Liturgical Year*, by Dom Guéranger; the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, and the *Catholic Dictionary*.

ALL FLESH SHALL SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD.



# MARYKNOLL JUNIORS



## Christmas at Hsin Pin



THE brave full moon was shining down on the little snow covered chapel; the thermometer read exactly zero. In the sacristy I found eight chubby little altar boys, six in red cassocks, two in black, who were just as excited, and used the same stage whisper as the altar boys at home. They had to be good, to keep from stepping on the other youngsters of the mission who were all kneeling in the sanctuary to make room for the grown-ups. There were over a hundred crowded into that small candle-lit chapel, which holds sixty comfortably. No one minded a little crowding at Christmas, least of all the missionary, for it meant that many had come in from the out-stations, some walking as far as forty miles.

The sixty-five confessions heard and communions received were important manifestations of the working of God's grace in their souls. It was then with a full heart that the missionary chanted the story of Bethlehem in the Gospel, gave thanks for it in the Preface and prayed that all may hear and believe it, in the Pater Noster.

Lest we should forget that we were still in China, word came to us just before the Mass that the soldiers were fighting the bandits out in the mountains. Two hundred of them had banded together to attack Hsin Pin on Christmas Day. They were on the way here when they were suddenly surrounded by a thousand soldiers who had heard of their intended attack. No mercy was shown them and none expected. All were killed and their heads brought back to town. Grim news, but

none the less welcome. Out riding a few days later we saw these soldiers lined up near their barracks, waiting for the mandarin who was coming to congratulate them for their good work. We too gave them a silent vote of thanks for having saved Hsin Pin, ourselves included, from a mighty unpleasant Christmas. Again the hand of God was evident!

### FRATERNAL CHARITY

Please, Father, send a mite-box to my little brother. He is seven years old and *eats a lot of candy.*

**Each Junior has a mite-box for advent sacrifices.**

**Be faithful!**



HAPPY WITH HIS PRICELESS TREASURE—THE KNOWLEDGE OF BETHLEHEM

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS, JUNIORS!**

Arise, be enlightened, O Jerusalem: for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

*Isaias LX, 1.*

## Tiny Tale of Great Wonder

Once upon a midnight  
Was born a little King;  
Wisps of straw, His cradle—  
His shield, a cherub's wing.  
His servants, humble shepherds;  
Their woolly lambs, His pets;  
His lullaby, a Maiden's song—  
His royal court, the starry throng—  
His palace, all the earth  
Watching, waiting for His Birth.  
Sing, O children, sing your mirth—  
Sing the Christ Child's gladsome Birth!

—M. L. M.

### NEW JUNIORS

The seven McQuirk Children in *Overland, Mo.*, are our first Juniors there. Mary, the eldest, wrote to Father Chin and had herself, George, Vincent, Patrick, Jimmie, Teresa and Lily Rose enrolled. She wrote:

We are all so happy to join your big family and say "God bless you and every one of the Maryknoll Juniors." Since I am crippled and cannot run and play like the other children I save holy things and send them to a missionary in the Philippine Islands.

A generous act and bringing joy across the seas!

The following is part of an interesting letter received with a correct answer to the Korean Jumble, which appeared in the September issue:

This is the first contest I have entered in the *FIELD AFAR*, as we are recent subscribers. I am very interested in the Orient. My Mother lived in the Orient for two years. Her first baby, my eldest sister, was the first white baby born in northern Korea. She was born in Tai Bowie in 1901, so I am very interested in Korea.



# MARYKNOLL JUNIORS



## DEAR JUNIORS:

Cold December days have us all looking for a cozy corner and an extra blanket. Our men up in Manchuria write that it is forty below zero and they literally live on the stove. They even have difficulty in keeping the wine and water from freezing at Mass.

Mail from our missionaries in Manchuria is full of exciting accounts of the war. They are in the war zone, you know. Let's all pray that the Prince of Peace will find a solution for their troubles.

The Christmas season brings great consolation to missionaries when they see many more Christians coming to visit the Crib, but it also occasions a pang for the countless souls who have not yet heard the beautiful story of Bethlehem.

Your own hearts are glowing with love for the Christ Child. What will your gift be this year on Life's Birthday? Souls are most precious in the sight of our Little King and you know many ways of helping. Get to work!

May the Christ Child grant you and your dear ones a happy Christmas!

Yours for the missions,

*Father Chin*



MARY WARREN, OF CINCINNATI, O., WHO HAS JOINED THE RANKS OF MISSIONERS IN HEAVEN

## Mission Quiz

If you know the answers to the following questions, send them to Father Chin and try to capture a prize.

1. What has become known as the "Missionary Age"?
2. Who is called the "Pope of the Missions"?
3. Have the Hawaiian Islands any connection with foreign mission work and why?
4. Name eight North American Martyrs.
5. What are the three chief means of helping the missions?

Answers to these questions will be published in next month's issue.

## HELLO, JUNIORS!

I'm just little Johnny Junior but I insist on having my say—"A Blessed, Happy Christmas, to all the Juniors!"

Thanks a lot for always answering my questions about addresses, ages, and what not, so promptly. My big book is in good order now and I feel quite well acquainted with you all. Yep! Every one-thousand-seven-hundred-eighty-first one of you.

Don't forget we're Pals for the missions!

Yours for a happy Christmas,

*Johnny Junior*

Juniors  
One  
And All!



Sacrifices  
For the  
Christ Child!

## ADVENT

A time for loving mite-ly  
A time for giving mite-y things  
To the Christ Child  
Who said:

"Because you did it to one of these My least brethren, you did it unto Me."

DON'T FORGET YOUR GIFT





# MARYKNOLL JUNIORS



Father Chin was disappointed with the answers to the September Puzzle. Not one of them merited a prize. Apparently but few of the Juniors have read Father Price's biography. The following items referring to his life should have been checked on the lesson chart:

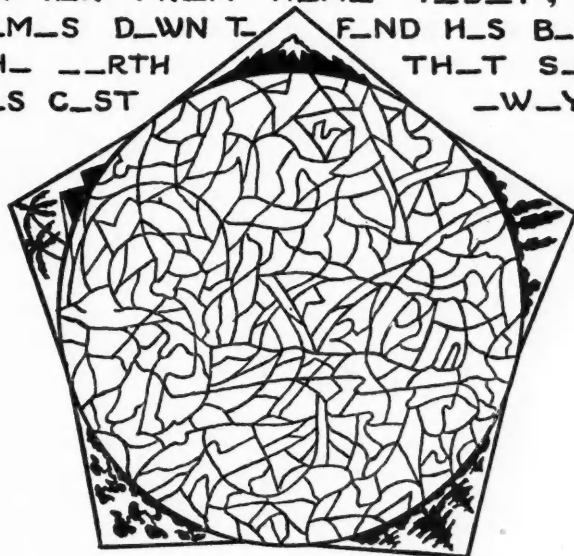
2. "Truth"
3. North Carolina
5. Bernadette
6. Hongkong
7. Sept. 8, 1918
9. Nazareth
10. Henry Spivy
11. Hawthorne
13. Rosary
15. Yeungkong

The following are correct answers to the November Mission Quiz:

1. Blessed Théophane Vénard, beheaded for the Faith, Feb. 2, 1861, in Tong-king, Indo-China.
2. Yes, she wished to be a Carmelite apostle in a mission land, and her solicitude for the missions has won for her the title, "Little Sister of the Missioners".
3. St. Theresa of Avila, to whom it was revealed that in her contemplative life she saved as many souls as did St. Francis Xavier.
4. St. Peter Claver.
5. Father Damien, of the Society of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.



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FATHER TABB

*Fill in the vowels which have been lost from the above lines and you will have a good clue as to what to look for in the puzzle. And perhaps you can find a star, too?*

Each puzzle submitted must bear the age of the puzzler.

The answers to the Korean Jumble were good. The following were selected as prize winners:

FIRST: John Wilson, *Pittsfield, Mass.*; SECOND, Mayrose Casey, *San Francisco, Calif.*; THIRD: Carl Willman, *Williamsport, Penn.*; HONORABLE MENTION: Josephine Stanley, *Santa Clara, Calif.*

Those who erred made similar mistakes. The following correct statements should clear up their doubts in Korean Church History.

Peter Ri with his zealous companions converted and baptized 3000. A perse-

cution broke out and the Chinese priest who was sent to them was martyred soon after his arrival. The Koreans were then without a priest for 30 years. They retained their Faith during this time and in 1832 their great need was brought to the attention of the Paris Foreign Mission Society. Since then they have labored in the "Hermit Kingdom" and 12 of their priests have received the glorious crown of martyrdom.

The Gentiles shall walk in thy light, and kings in the brightness of thy rising.

Isaiah LX, 3.

FOR THE CHRIST CHILD.



## Student Activities



### ADVENT



ADVENT is here again, bringing with it that spirit characteristic of all holy seasons—the spirit of sacrifice, the spirit of giving your all. You may not be called upon to spend your life in fields afar, to give yourself entirely to the life of the missions, but you are asked as a true Christian and a loyal Catholic to encourage those who are fighting for the cause of Christ in the foremost ranks of His Church.

How can you add new zest to the apostolic zeal of missionaries at home and abroad?

Pray first of all—pray that God may enlighten and strengthen missionaries in their labors. Give alms—if you can—to sustain missionaries in their poverty. Remember the widow's mite, the cup of cold water given in His name. Remember St. Peter's words to the crippled beggar at the Temple gate: "Silver and gold I have none, but what I have I give thee." If depression and hard times prevent you from lending pecuniary aid, do something at least within your power and talents or time for the missions. Enliven your own interest in the missions. Your Christmas Day will be the happier in so far as your Advent, your time of preparation, has been the costlier to yourself.

### MARYKNOLL BOOKS

When making your selection for Christmas gifts, remember Maryknoll Mission Books.

"Father McShane of Maryknoll" is a new publication and makes a worthy gift for one dollar (\$1.10 postpaid).



### Christmas Dinner at Siao Lok

AT about noon we turned from the solemnities in our mission Chapel to the Chinese substitute for roast turkey—roast goose. It was deliciously browned, and sweet potatoes and squash made it taste just like Christmas dinner at home. Our man, Joe, produced the crowning triumph of his career, a three-story chocolate cake, and so we readily forgave his past perpetrations. What if the chocolate icing was so



*Ecce Virgo Concipiet*

tough that it was pronounced "rat proof"? That was a great improvement over his sweet potato pie and cement buns, made in imitation of Father Downs' squash pie and soda biscuits.

That man, Joe, and many more of his tribe need reinforcements for the pantry. How about adopting a missionary for Christmas?

### A TRIUMPH

A Mission debater, whom we helped during the past year, wrote recently:

Although we were defeated, I do not think the debate was a failure for me. In gathering the material, I learned much about the missions and their needs, and my attitude towards them is

now quite different. With God's grace I now hope to become a laborer in foreign fields.

Thus we prove mission debates are fruitful. Try one yourself!

### EDITORS, ATTENTION!

THE Mission Education Department at Maryknoll is sending each week to the Editors of School Publications. These may be used in mission columns or posted on the Bulletin.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED?

If you are not on our mailing list write and we will be glad to include you.

### THE BROOKLYN RALLY

THE C.S.M.C. of Brooklyn, N. Y., began the scholastic year with a giant Rally on October second. About twelve thousand parochial, high school and college students assembled at the Twenty-Third Regiment Armory after an impressive parade from the Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School. Flags and banners representing various Units and Mission Societies were carried by the students. The Foreign Mission Society of America, Maryknoll, had a prominent place among them. If the spirit of this first public appearance continues this will be a banner year for the mission cause in Brooklyn.

The Most Rev. Aloysius Willinger, Bishop of the Diocese of Ponce, Porto Rico, celebrated the Mass and Very Rev. Monsignor F. A. Thill, Executive Secretary of the Crusade, preached the sermon.

One of the Sisters present at the Rally wrote: "I hope this Rally will inspire some worthy students to join the ranks of missionaries." Such a display for the missions should certainly make our students more mission minded and fire them with a zeal for souls.

Other cities will surely catch some of Brooklyn's spirit.



"A LIGHT IS RISEN UP IN DARKNESS"



## Maryknoll Sponsors



AS the year of 1932 draws to its close, we record in this last issue gifts from our good Circle friends.

A stringless gift was received recently from the *Mary Circle*, of Bloomfield, N. J.; altar linens came in from the *Good Shepherd Circle*, of Chelsea, Mass.; and mission gifts were sent here for some of our priests in China who hail from Milwaukee, Wis., by two active mission groups of that city—*St. Paul's Mission Circle*, and the *Little Flower Circle*.

Autumn is a beautiful time of the year in which to visit Maryknoll, for then our woodland is aglow with beautiful colors. It was on one of these balmy fall days that a jolly group of Circles, known as *St. Joseph William's Circle*, of Brooklyn, came to enjoy themselves on our hilltop; and, incidentally, to leave with us many packages containing useful and welcome gifts.

Another group paid us a visit during the autumn—*St. Caroline's Mission Auxiliary*, of Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y. They are old friends, and, as usual, left behind them gifts of household articles which they had in the various boxes they brought with them.

On the same day we welcomed to our hilltop a group of young ladies from St. Brigid's parish, of Brooklyn. It was their first visit to Maryknoll, and we hope there will be many others.

The *Mission Relief*, of Brooklyn, a very zealous group of laborers for the missions, are doing valuable propaganda work. They show to various audiences stereopticon views of mission scenes and give mission talks.

When reading the letter of their very energetic Secretary, which came to us recently, we could not but think how profitable it would be for the missions, and how much quicker the wish of Our Lord would come to pass *that there be but one Fold and one Shepherd*, if only more Catholics would interest them-



### SHIGEMITSU

AT first your name attracted me;  
It sounded brave and bold,  
As though it graced in ancient days  
Some Samurai of old.  
Then came yourself; staunch little lad,  
Black-haired, with eyes like sloc,  
That lighten starwise as you read  
The English words you know.

But when, with small mouth opened  
wide,

Chest forward, glistening eyes,  
You face the class with folded hands  
Composed and seeming wise,  
Singing to our Emmanuel

In tones now shrill, now light,  
To come and "wansom Iswael,"  
You captivate me quite.

—By S.M.I.

selves in such worth while activities.

May the Christ Child's coming bring  
blessings to all our faithful Circle  
friends, near and far!

### IN THANKSGIVING

AS I was greatly in need of work,  
I asked the Blessed Virgin to help  
me to secure a position. Within two  
weeks my petition was granted, and I  
wish to express here my thanksgiving.  
—San Francisco, Calif.

The offering enclosed is the first payment on a *Perpetual Associate Membership*.

## Mission Values

\$1

Will support a Maryknoll missionary for a day.

\$5

Will provide for the adoption of a Chinese baby, thereby rescuing it from paganism.

\$15

Will enable our missionaries to pay for one month the salary of a native catechist.

\$100

Will support for one year a young Chinese preparing for the priesthood in one of our Mission Junior Seminaries.

\$365

Will provide the support of a Maryknoll missionary—Priest, Brother, or Sister—during one year.

\$500

Will cover the travel expenses of a Maryknoll apostle to Asia.

For a number of years I have suffered from an ear disease, and feared that an operation would be necessary. I made a promise that, if this operation could be avoided, I would spend the money instead on the missions. Thanks to the Sacred Heart, my disease has been cured. I am sending the money, and I know that helping the missions is the best thanksgiving offering one can make to Almighty God.—*New York, N. Y.*

Please record in THE FIELD AFAR my thanksgiving to God for many favors received through the intercession of Mary and Joseph.

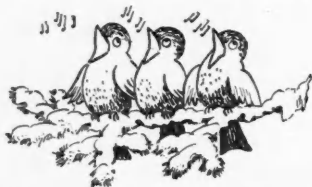
God rewards sacrifices made for Catholic societies.—*San Francisco, Calif.*

Enclosed is the final payment on my *Perpetual Associate Membership*.

When I started the offerings, I asked for peace of mind and resignation to the Divine Will. My mind is now cheerful, my physical health is good, and I am able to carry on my normal life.—*Providence, R. I.*

IN CHRIST JESUS SHALL ALL NATIONS BE BLESSED.

### Carols for Our Benefactors



**M**ATERIAL gifts will be fewer this Christmastide than in past years of plenty, but we wish to all friends of our work a richer abundance than they have hitherto known of spiritual joys—that happiness which only the Little Prince of Peace can give, and of which the angels sang in that Holy Night of Nights. A time of want should draw us closer to the Infant Who was born in a manger, and Who, when as a man He died for us on the Cross, was buried in some one else's sepulcher.

Maryknoll, too, will have fewer gifts for its mission work than in other years; but those that come will represent real sacrifice and will draw down on the labors of our young apostles special blessings and graces from the Christ Child.

To a generous benefactor in Richmond Hill, L. I., N. Y., we acknowledge a goodly sum for *Masses*. As the ranks of our missionaries grow, Maryknoll priests are able to make use of an increasing number of Mass stipends, and these offerings are a relief to the Home Center on which rests the burden of the support of our soldiers of Christ in fields afar.

*Maryknoll Annuities* were recently secured by friends in West Branch, Iowa, and New York City.

These *FIELD AFAR* readers have made an absolutely safe investment which will supply them with a generous interest as long as they live, and which has benefited both themselves and the mission cause.

An apostolic priest in Overbrook, Pa., has *sponsored* for a whole year one of our missionaries.

The *Support of its Missioners* is Maryknoll's most immediate problem, and we have no greater benefactors than those who aid us to sustain our priests and Brothers—those already in

THE MARYKNOLL SISTERS  
OFFER SOMETHING UNIQUE  
—IN—

### Madonna Cards

Twenty-four Old World Masterpieces reproduced for you in miniature, delicately colored. As Christmas cards, bookmarks, or enclosures in gifts or letters, they are individual and distinctive.

\$1.00 PER PACKET OF  
TWELVE  
ASSORTED SUBJECTS

Eastern Asia, and those training in the homeland for the battle against paganism.

One dollar will supply for a day the sustenance and personal needs of a Maryknoller.

One of our priests in Monsignor Ford's Kaying field of South China was heartened by a *Stringless Gift* received through the Chicago Office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Since our last issue went to press legacies have been received from two *Wills*, and we have been notified of remembrances of our work in eight others.



### Stringless Gifts Win

**I**F you hitch your gift with a string, it may be held back from its greatest usefulness.

No one is in a better position to appreciate where the need is most urgent than the Superior of a Society, who receives the most recent news of all the outposts.

As a mark of your confidence in Maryknoll, make your gift stringless.

### PERPETUAL ASSOCIATES

**Living:** Reverend Friends, 2; A. C.; Mrs. J. J. F.; A. C. and Family; B. E. J.; T. A. K.; P. J. W.; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. H. and Family; M. C.; Mr. and Mrs. B. S.; A. T.; A. M. H.; M. D.; M. W.; M. B. D.; J. C. D.; E. C. V. and Relatives; P. J. B. and Relatives; D. L. P. and Relatives; L. W. Z. and Relatives; Relatives of F. B.; G. Y.; E. P. M. and Relatives; J. J. H. and Relatives; A. M. H.; M. G. and Family; D. D. and Family; B. H.

**Deceased:** William H. Kane; Nora Callahan; Alphonse and Marietta Labrie; Peter Collins; Anthony Kitterman.

**ET LUX PERPETUA LUCEAT EIS**  
**W**E ask prayers for the repose of the souls of the following deceased friends of the mission cause:

John T. Sullivan; Mrs. E. N. Hurley; Mrs. W. P. Daugherty; Vincent Stefano; Sarah Stewart; Mrs. Estelle Callahan; Thomas Russo; T. H. McGovern; Wm. J. O'Connor; J. J. Groody; J. J. Burns; Clara Durkin; Mrs. N. C. Brosnan; Mary Sullivan; Mary M. Connor; Anna Mahoney; Michael Clark; Sarah Gilbride; Sadie Melville; Gerald O'Neil.

### STUDENT BURSES

A burse is a sum of money drawing yearly interest which is applied to the board, housing and education of a student at the Maryknoll Seminary, or at one of its Preparatory Colleges in the United States.

### FOR THE MAJOR SEMINARY (\$5,000 each)

MICHAEL J. EGAN MEMORIAL BURSE .....	4,200.00
St. Anne Burse .....	4,123.83
St. Anthony Burse .....	4,057.13
Kate McLaughlin Memorial Burse .....	4,050.00
St. Francis of Assisi Burse, No. 1 .....	4,000.00
S. & E. W. Burse .....	4,000.00
St. Vincent de Paul Burse, No. 2 .....	4,000.00
Curé of Ars Burse .....	3,947.05
Dunwoodie Seminary Burse .....	3,611.94
N. M. Burse .....	3,000.00
Pius X Burse .....	2,854.30
Bishop Molloy Burse .....	2,851.00
Byrne Memorial Burse .....	2,800.25
Holy Child Jesus Burse .....	2,761.85
Marywood College Burse .....	2,548.50
St. Michael Burse .....	2,502.00
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Burse .....	2,261.19
Our Lady of Lourdes Burse .....	2,248.63
Duluth Diocese Burse .....	2,211.70
Archbishop Ireland Burse .....	2,101.00
Bernadette of Lourdes Burse .....	1,907.09
St. Dominic Burse .....	1,901.19
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Burse .....	1,732.06

BEHOLD I HAVE GIVEN THEE TO BE



Immaculate Conception, Patron of America, Burse.....	1,477.28
St. Agnes Burse.....	1,455.88
Fr. Nummey Burse of Holy Child Jesus Parish of Richmond Hill..	1,402.55
St. Francis Xavier Burse.....	1,390.38
St. Francis of Assisi, No. 2 Burse	1,138.10
St. John Baptist Burse.....	1,077.11
Manchester Diocese Burse.....	1,000.00
St. Boniface Burse.....	919.65
Sacred Heart Seminary Burse....	850.00
St. Rita Burse.....	771.65
St. Laurence Burse.....	668.25
Children of Mary Burse.....	654.70
St. Joseph Burse, No. 2.....	643.20
St. Bridget Burse.....	610.70
Holy Family Burse.....	576.25
St. Joan of Arc Burse.....	503.61
The Holy Name Burse.....	473.65
St. Louis Archdiocese Burse.....	430.00
St. Jude Burse.....	388.25
St. John B. de la Salle Burse.....	272.00
All Saints Burse.....	260.78
Rev. George M. FitzGerald Burse..	233.00
St. John Berchmans Burse.....	201.00
Jesus Christ Crucified Burse.....	190.50
Newark Diocese Burse.....	157.00
SS. Peter and Paul Burse.....	150.00
St. Peter Burse.....	106.07
Queen of the Rosary Burse.....	100.00

#### FOR OUR PREPARATORY COLLEGES

(\$5,000 each)

IN HONOR OF THE SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH BURSE.....	4,802.00
Sacred Heart of Jesus Burse (Reserved) .....	4,500.00
"C" Burse II.....	1,851.60
Bl. Théophane Vénard Burse.....	1,727.80
Rt. Rev. Michael J. Hoban Memorial Burse.....	1,232.00
Bl. Virgin Mary Sodality Burse..	1,000.00
Our Lady's Circle Burse (Los Altos) .....	700.00
St. Michael Burse.....	604.32
St. Aloysius Burse.....	684.75
Archbishop Hanna Burse (Los Altos)	444.95
St. Philomena Burse.....	215.00
Ven. Philippine Duchesne Burse..	136.30
Holy Ghost Burse.....	133.00
Immaculate Conception Burse.....	119.00
St. Margaret Mary Burse.....	113.00

†On hand, but not available, as at present interest goes to donor.

#### NATIVE STUDENT BURSES

\$1,500 placed at interest will enable our missionaries to keep one Chinese aspirant to the priesthood at a seminary in China.

BLESSED SACRAMENT BURSE	1,300.50
SS. Ann and John Burse.....	1,250.00
Little Flower Burse.....	1,240.28
Our Lady of Lourdes Burse.....	1,218.00
St. Ambrose Burse.....	1,100.00
Mater Admirabilis Burse.....	1,083.00
Souls in Purgatory Burse.....	1,076.50
Mary Mother of God Burse.....	808.13
Christ the King Burse, No. 2.....	702.00
McQuillen-Blömer Memorial Burse	500.00
Maryknoll Academia Burse.....	301.60
St. Patrick Burse.....	254.00
Sacred Heart of Jesus—F. W. Burse	200.00

Our Peripatetic Maryknoller  
OUR peripatetic Maryknoller,  
Fr. Keller, who makes sallies

### AN OLD, OLD STORY, EVER NEW



THESE children in the great pagan land of China are hearing about the Star and the Manger and the Crib because a Maryknoll missionary left all that he held dear on earth to illumine the darkness of pagan-

ism with the Splendor of God.

Maryknoll has at present in Eastern Asia one hundred and twenty-six bearers of the Good Tidings of Great Joy. Would you aid us in the mission of making known to the Gentiles the Christmas Story?

Each of our young apostles requires for his personal needs and sustenance a minimum of a dollar a day. As sponsor of a Maryknoll missionary, light Christmas candles in pagan hearts at least for a day.

from a New York office when he does not start from Ossining-on-the-Hudson, has been presented by a Western friend with a "Henry" that has made Maryknoll forget its poor relatives from ancient Lizzie down the line.

His problem was to park the convenience without tapping mission receipts. Garage rates were too high, and the streets too narrow, or too closely policed. Armed with a pleasant expression—not unusual—he boldly entered the garage of New York's foremost hotel and asked for special rates. They measured his car, and as-

sured him that there would be room for the little thing and that the charge could be overlooked. One of his friends later asked why he did not suggest, "filling the Flivver daily with gasoline."

Incidentally, Fr. Keller sends this hopeful item, among many others:

A friend had been sending us three dollars each month to sponsor one of our missionaries for three days a month. Not long ago she wrote that she wished to raise her offering to five dollars a month. The reason given was unique in these times, and one that indicated a fine sense of appreciation.

She wrote: "I have just received a cut in my salary. But, since it was not as much as I expected, I have decided—in gratitude to God—to increase my monthly offering from three to five dollars."

**YOUR Christmas will be especially blessed if the Christ Child's Name is the first on your Christmas gift list.**

THE LIGHT OF THE GENTILES,

## CATECHISTS FOR CHINA'S MOTHERS



**"I** DO NOT hesitate to estimate that the number of Catholics, in this part of China at least, would today be not less than double if the Baptism of the wife had always been secured at the same time as that of her husband.

"When this is not the case, the little ones grow up under the influence of their pagan mother, and, after the father's death, the family is once more wholly pagan.

"For the instruction of the women, catechists of their own sex are necessary. The most successful of these women catechists go into the homes and sit beside the mothers as they make shoes, mend clothes, or pull flax for thread and twine. While lending a helping hand, they unfold the beauties of the Faith and teach them the Catechism and prayers, a few words at a time."

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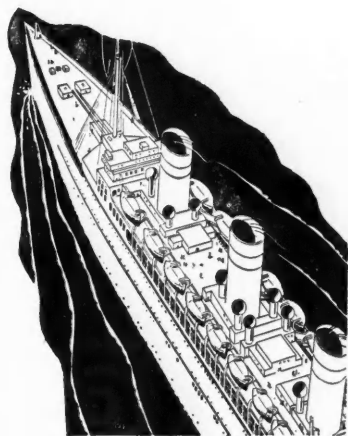
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